# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: GENERIC PHARMACEUTICALS PRICING ANTITRUST LITIGATION

IN RE: BACLOFEN CASES

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: ALL END-PAYER ACTIONS

1199SEIU NATIONAL BENEFIT FUND; 1199SEIU GREATER NEW YORK BENEFIT FUND; 1199SEIU NATIONAL BENEFIT FUND FOR HOME CARE **WORKERS: 1199SEIU LICENSED** PRACTICAL NURSES WELFARE FUND: THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND; LOUISIANA HEALTH SERVICE & INDEMNITY COMPANY d/b/a BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA AND HMO LOUISIANA, INC.; SELF-INSURED SCHOOLS OF CALIFORNIA; SERGEANTS BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND; and UNITE HERE HEALTH, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated.

Plaintiffs,

v.

LANNETT COMPANY, INC.; PAR PHARMACEUTICAL, INC.; TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.; and UPSHER-SMITH LABORATORIES, LLC,

Defendants.

MDL 2724 16-MD-2724 HON. CYNTHIA M. RUFE

LEAD CASE: 16-BC-27240 END-PAYER CASE: 16-BC-27242

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

CONSOLIDATED AMENDED END-PAYER CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT

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# I. NATURE OF THE ACTION

- 1. This suit brings claims on behalf of indirect purchasers of generic Baclofen ("End-Payers" or "Plaintiffs") for injunctive relief and to recoup overcharges that resulted from an unlawful agreement among Defendants to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix, raise and/or stabilize the prices of generic Baclofen.<sup>1</sup>
- 2. Baclofen is a muscle relaxer and an antispastic agent that is used to treat muscle spasms, cramping, and tightness; muscle symptoms of certain muscular disorders; and spinal cord injuries and diseases. It is frequently prescribed as a treatment for multiple sclerosis ("MS") to address flexor spasms and accompanying pain, involuntary muscular contractions and relaxations known as clonus, and muscular rigidity.
- 3. Baclofen acts on the central nervous system to inhibit nerve reflex signaling in the spine and other nerve sites. Chemically, it is related to gamma-aminobutyric acid ("GABA"), a naturally occurring neurotransmitter in the brain that, when released, causes the activity of other nerves to decrease. Scientists believe that Baclofen, acting like GABA, blocks the activity of nerves within the part of the brain that controls the contractions and relaxation of skeletal muscles. Studies in animals confirm that it has a depressant effect on the central nervous system. It does not act as a cure, but rather as a therapeutic treatment for muscle symptoms.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As used herein, the term "Baclofen" refers to doses of generic Baclofen taken orally in the form of a tablet (10 mg or 20 mg).

- 4. Baclofen is taken orally in tablet form, in either 10 mg or 20 mg tablets. It is usually prescribed in a daily, divided dose of between 40 and 80 mg total. Patients who require a higher dosage of Baclofen may take it through an injection directly into the spinal cord.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. Baclofen was first developed by Ciba-Geigy (now Novartis) in 1962. Originally developed to treat epilepsy, it was found to work best at treating muscle spasticity and over time became a treatment for MS. The United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") first approved Baclofen in its branded form, Lioresal, in November 1977. In 1982, generic Baclofen first entered the market (with FDA approval).
- 6. Bacloflen is an incredibly important drug for those diagnosed with MS. For example, the United Kingdom's National Institute for Health and Care Excellence's guidance for MS lists Baclofen "as a first-line drug to treat spasticity" in MS patients.<sup>3</sup> Millions of Baclofen tablets are sold each month, with over \$100 million in total monthly sales.
- 7. For years, competition among sellers of generic Baclofen kept prices stable, at low levels. But starting in February 2014, Defendants, who dominate the market for Baclofen (collectively accounting for more than of all generic Baclofen tablet sales in the United States during the Class Period), abruptly and inexplicably raised prices over an eight-month period. Defendant Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC ("Upsher-Smith") began the price hikes in February 2014, followed by Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Teva") in April 2014,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 2016, Emerald International, not named as a defendant here, began manufacturing, marketing, and selling injectable generic Baclofen, which is not a substitute for generic Baclofen tablets and hence not a source of competition. Injectable generic Baclofen is not at issue in this case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, *Multiple sclerosis in adults: management*, Oct. 2014, <a href="https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG186/chapter/1-Recommendations">https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/CG186/chapter/1-Recommendations</a> (last accessed Mar. 17, 2017).

with Defendant Lannett Company, Inc. ("Lannett") next in July 2014 (re-entering the market at elevated prices), and then, finally, Qualitest Pharmaceuticals ("Qualitest") (now part of Defendant Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. ("Par"), a subsidiary of Endo International plc ("Endo")) in October 2014. The price increases were extreme and unprecedented, elevating prices sharply and without explanation until finally coming to rest at substantially the same elevated level, an increase of some 400% to 500% or more. In fact, the U.S. Government Accountability Office ("GAO") identified Baclofen as having "experienced an extraordinary price increase" in 2014-2015. Even today, Baclofen prices remain elevated.

- 8. Defendants' unlawful and anticompetitive conduct in the Baclofen market is part of a larger conspiracy or series of conspiracies involving numerous generic pharmaceuticals and pharmaceutical manufacturers.
- 9. The price increases imposed by Defendant manufacturers of generic Baclofen cannot be explained by supply shortages or any other market feature or shock. Nor were they the result of unilateral business decisions. Instead, the significant increases in the prices of Baclofen were the result of an illegal agreement among Defendants.
- 10. The market for Baclofen is (and was) highly conducive to collusion, as it is controlled almost exclusively by the Defendants and is subject to high barriers to entry, including substantial manufacturing costs and regulatory requirements. Because Baclofen is a medically necessary product for which reasonable substitutes are not available and for which demand is inelastic, Defendants were able to raise prices in concert without suffering corresponding losses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> GAO Report to Congressional Requesters, *Generic Drugs Under Medicare* (Aug. 12, 2016) ("GAO Report"), at Appx. III, *available at* <a href="http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-706">http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-16-706</a>.

in sales volume. Federal regulations require Defendants' Baclofen products to contain the same type and amount of active pharmaceutical ingredient and to be therapeutically equivalent to one another. They are therefore interchangeable commodity products. Interchangeability facilitates collusion, as cartel members can easily monitor and detect deviations from a price-fixing or market allocation agreement.

- 11. Because purchasers choose whose Baclofen product to buy based primarily on price, and unilateral price increases generally result in loss of market share, it would have been economically irrational for any one Defendant to raise its prices dramatically without assurance that its competitors would do the same.
- 12. Defendants' attendance at trade association meetings, conferences, and workshops provided ample opportunities to agree on Baclofen prices and allocate markets and customers for Baclofen. As alleged below, Defendants implemented their conspiracy through numerous secret meetings and communications, including trade association meetings held by the Generic Pharmaceutical Association ("GPhA") (now the Association for Accessible Medicines), the Healthcare Distribution Management Association ("HDMA") (now the Healthcare Distribution Alliance ("HDA")), the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy ("MMCAP"), the National Association of Chain Drug Stores ("NACDS"), Efficient Collaborative Retail Marketing ("ECRM"), the National Pharmacy Forum ("NPF"), and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists ("ASHP"), among others.
- 13. Extreme and unprecedented price increases in the generic drug industry—including those imposed by manufacturers of Baclofen—have prompted close scrutiny of the industry by the U.S. Congress, federal and state enforcement agencies, and private litigants.

- 14. An ongoing criminal investigation by the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice ("DOJ") has, to date, resulted in price-fixing guilty pleas from two senior executives at Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. relating to the sale of Doxycycline Hyclate and Glyburide. But DOJ has made clear that its "investigation is ongoing" and the evidence uncovered during the course of its investigation into those drugs also "implicates . . . a significant number of the Defendants . . . [and] a significant number of the drugs at issue" in this Multidistrict Litigation. 6
- 15. The Attorney General for the State of Connecticut ("Connecticut AG"), whose office has been pursuing an investigation of the generic drug industry parallel to that of DOJ, confirms that its price-fixing investigation extends "way beyond the two drugs and the six companies. Way beyond . . . We're learning new things every day." There is "compelling evidence of collusion and anticompetitive conduct across many companies that manufacture and market generic drugs in the United States . . . [and] evidence of widespread participation in illegal conspiracies across the generic drug industry."
- 16. Manufacturers of generic Baclofen are implicated in these ongoing investigations; at least three of the Defendants named here, including Teva, Lannett, and Par, have received a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> DOJ, Division Update Spring 2017 (Mar. 28, 2017), *available at* <a href="https://www.justice.gov/atr/division-operations/division-update-spring-2017/division-secures-individual-and-corporate-guilty-pleas-collusion-industries-where-products">https://www.justice.gov/atr/division-operations/division-update-spring-2017/division-secures-individual-and-corporate-guilty-pleas-collusion-industries-where-products</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Intervenor United States' Motion to Stay Discovery at 1-2 (May 1, 2017) (ECF No. 279).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> How Martinis, Steaks, and a Golf Round Raised Your Prescription Drug Prices, Kaiser Health News (Dec. 21, 2016), available at <a href="http://www.thedailybeast.com/how-martinis-steaks-and-a-golf-round-raised-your-prescription-drug-prices">http://www.thedailybeast.com/how-martinis-steaks-and-a-golf-round-raised-your-prescription-drug-prices</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Connecticut AG, Press Release (Dec. 15, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341">http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341</a>.

federal grand jury subpoena and/or an investigative demand from the Connecticut AG as part of the generic drug price-fixing investigations.

- 17. As End-Payers in the chain of pharmaceutical distribution, Plaintiffs bear the brunt of Defendants' illegal conduct. Plaintiffs have paid many millions of dollars more than they would have in a competitive market for generic Baclofen.
- 18. Plaintiffs bring this action against Defendants on account of their past and ongoing violations of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3) and the state laws set forth below. Plaintiffs bring this action both individually and on behalf of (a) a national injunctive class of persons or entities in the United States and its territories who indirectly purchased, paid and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of generic Baclofen (10 or 20 mg tablets) manufactured by any Defendant, other than for resale, from February 1, 2014 to the present ("Class Period"), and (b) a damages class of persons or entities in the states and territories identified herein who indirectly purchased, paid and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of generic Baclofen (10 or 20 mg tablets) manufactured by any Defendant, other than for resale, from February 1, 2014 to the present.

# II. ONGOING FEDERAL AND STATE INVESTIGATIONS

19. Now in its third year, the federal criminal investigation into generic drug price-fixing has begun to bear fruit. On December 12 and 13, 2016, DOJ filed criminal charges against former Heritage executives Jeffrey Glazer (CEO) and Jason Malek (President). The government

alleged that they conspired with others "to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix and maintain prices" of Glyburide and Doxycycline Hyclate in violation of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).<sup>9</sup>

- 20. On January 9, 2017, Glazer and Malek pleaded guilty to those charges.<sup>10</sup> Deputy Assistant Attorney General Brent Snyder of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division explained: "These charges are an important step in correcting that injustice and in ensuring that generic pharmaceutical companies compete vigorously to provide these essential products at a price set by the market, not by collusion." As they await sentencing, Glazer and Malek are cooperating with DOJ's continuing investigation. More criminal charges and guilty pleas are expected to follow.<sup>12</sup>
- 21. Although initial public disclosures suggested that the federal and state investigations were focused on one or two drugs, it is now clear that both investigations are much, much broader. The investigations reportedly cover two dozen drugs and more than a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Information ¶ 6, *United States v. Glazer*, No. 2:16-cr-00506-RBS (E.D. Pa. Dec. 12, 2016) (ECF No. 1); Information ¶ 6, *United States v. Malek*, No. 2:16-cr-00508-RBS (E.D. Pa. Dec. 13, 2016) (ECF No. 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Tr. of Plea Hearing, United States v. Glazer, No. 2:16-cr-00506-RBS (E.D. Pa. Jan. 9, 2017) (ECF No. 24); see also Tr. of Plea Hearing, United States v. Malek, No. 2:16-cr-00508-RBS (E.D. Pa. Jan. 9, 2017) (ECF No. 24).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> DOJ Press Release (Dec. 14, 2016) *available at* <a href="https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-top-generic-pharmaceutical-executives-charged-price-fixing-bid-rigging-and-customer">https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/former-top-generic-pharmaceutical-executives-charged-price-fixing-bid-rigging-and-customer</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See, e.g., Eric Kroh, Generic Drug Price-Fixing Suits Just Tip Of The Iceberg, Law360 (Jan. 6, 2017) ("Once somebody starts cooperating, it leads to many more indictments.""), available at <a href="https://www.law360.com/articles/877707/generic-drug-price-fixing-suits-just-tip-of-the-iceberg">https://www.law360.com/articles/877707/generic-drug-price-fixing-suits-just-tip-of-the-iceberg</a>.

dozen manufacturers.<sup>13</sup> Press reports indicate that "[t]he Department of Justice (DoJ) believes price-fixing between makers of generic pharmaceuticals is widespread."<sup>14</sup>

- 22. According to one report, prosecutors see the investigation of the generic drug industry much like DOJ's antitrust probe of the auto parts industry, which has morphed into DOJ's largest criminal antitrust probe ever. *See In re Automotive Parts Antitrust Litig.*, No. 2:12-md-02311 (E.D. Mich.). As in that case, prosecutors expect "to move from one drug to another in a similar cascading fashion."<sup>15</sup>
- DOJ and a federal grand jury empaneled in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania have focused on at least seventeen generic drug manufacturers as part of the growing investigation, including: Actavis Holdco U.S., Inc. ("Actavis"); Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc. ("Aurobindo"); Citron Pharma LLC ("Citron"); Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Inc. ("Dr. Reddy's"); Heritage Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Heritage"); Impax Laboratories, Inc. ("Impax"); Lannett Company, Inc. ("Lannett"); Mayne Pharma, Inc. ("Mayne"); Mylan Inc. ("Mylan"); Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. ("Par"); Perrigo New York, Inc. ("Perrigo"); Sandoz, Inc. ("Sandoz"); Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. ("Sun"); Taro Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Taro"); Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Teva"); and Zydus Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Zydus"). And as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> David McLaughlin & Caroline Chen, *U.S. Charges in Generic-Drug Probe to Be Filed by Year-End*, Bloomberg (Nov. 3, 2016) *available at* <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-03/u-s-charges-in-generic-drug-probe-said-to-be-filed-by-year-end.">http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-11-03/u-s-charges-in-generic-drug-probe-said-to-be-filed-by-year-end.</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> PaRR Report, *DoJ Believes Collusion over Generic Drug Prices Widespread* (June 26, 2015) ("PaRR Report"), *available at* <a href="http://www.mergermarket.com/pdf/DoJ-Collusion-Generic-Drug-Prices-2015.pdf">http://www.mergermarket.com/pdf/DoJ-Collusion-Generic-Drug-Prices-2015.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id*.

recently as August 10, 2017, Pfizer, Inc. ("Pfizer") also disclosed that DOJ is investigating its Greenstone generics business. <sup>16</sup>

- 24. The fact that these companies and/or their employees received subpoenas from a federal grand jury is significant. DOJ does not empanel grand juries lightly. The *Antitrust Division Manual* admonishes that "staff should consider carefully the likelihood that, if a grand jury investigation developed evidence confirming the alleged anticompetitive conduct, the Division would proceed with a criminal prosecution." Accordingly, before a grand jury investigation proceeds, it requires a series of approvals, first by the relevant field chief, who then sends the request to the Antitrust Criminal Enforcement Division. "The DAAG [Deputy Assistant Attorney General] for Operations, the Criminal DAAG, and the Director of Criminal Enforcement will make a recommendation to the Assistant Attorney General[,]" who must give final approval and authorize all attorneys who will participate in the investigation.<sup>17</sup>
- 25. As Mark Rosman, former assistant chief of the National Criminal Enforcement Section of DOJ's Antitrust Division, noted in an article on the "unusual" nature of the criminal subpoenas, "A DOJ investigation into the alleged exchange of pricing information in the pharmaceutical industry likely indicates that the agency anticipates uncovering criminal antitrust conduct in the form of price-fixing or customer allocation."<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Further discussion of these generic drug manufacturers and their receipt of subpoenas or other inquiries from DOJ is included *infra* at \$198.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> DOJ, Antitrust Division Manual (5th ed. 2015) at Chapter III-81 to 83, *available at* <a href="http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/divisionmanual/chapter3.pdf">http://www.justice.gov/atr/public/divisionmanual/chapter3.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Mark Rosman & Seth Silber, *DOJ's Investigation Into Generic Pharma Pricing Is Unusual*, Law360 (Nov. 12, 2014), *available at* https://www.wsgr.com/publications/PDFSearch/rosman-1114.pdf.

26. Another significant indication of criminal price-fixing in the generic drug industry is that DOJ has received assistance from a privately-held company that came forward as a leniency applicant: "It is understood that Heritage is cooperating with prosecutors in exchange for amnesty from criminal prosecution under DOJ's leniency program[.]" As explained on DOJ's website, an applicant for amnesty "must admit its participation in a criminal antitrust violation involving price fixing, bid rigging, capacity restriction, or allocation of markets, customers, or sales or production volumes, before it will receive a conditional leniency letter." The applicant must also establish that "[t]he confession of wrongdoing is truly a corporate act, as opposed to isolated confessions of individual executives or officials." 20

27. In addition to the federal criminal investigation, the Connecticut AG began an investigation in July 2014 into the dramatic price increases in generic drugs. Now joined by the Attorneys General of 43 other states and the District of Columbia, the Connecticut AG has filed a civil complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut alleging price-fixing and customer allocation.<sup>21</sup> Although the States' present complaint focuses on two drugs (Doxycycline Hyclate delayed release and Glyburide), the States make clear that they have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Richard Vanderford, *Generic Pharma Investigation Still Broad, Prosecutor Says*, mLex (Feb. 21, 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> DOJ, Frequently Asked Questions about the Antitrust Division's Leniency Program (updated Jan. 26, 2017), available at <a href="https://www.justice.gov/atr/page/file/926521/download">https://www.justice.gov/atr/page/file/926521/download</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> On August 3, 2017, the U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("JPML") issued an order directing that the State AG case be transferred to this Court and coordinated as part of MDL 2724 (ECF No. 417).

"uncovered wide-ranging conduct implicating numerous different drugs and competitors" and suggest that additional drugs and manufacturers will be added "at the appropriate time." <sup>22</sup>

- 28. The publicly available version of the State AG Complaint is heavily redacted. Among the obscured portions are the contents of conspiratorial communications, which the Connecticut AG has described as "mind-boggling."<sup>23</sup> The State AG Complaint explains that the generic drug industry is structured in a way that facilitates these types of collusive communications. "Generic drug manufacturers operate, through their respective senior leadership and marketing and sales executives, in a manner that fosters and promotes routine and direct interaction among their competitors." This affords them opportunities to "exploit their interactions at various and frequent industry trade shows, customer conferences and other similar events, to develop relationships and sow the seeds for their illegal agreements."<sup>24</sup>
- 29. The criminal informations and guilty pleas relating to Glazer and Malek, the grand jury subpoenas, and evidence divulged in the State AG Complaint are merely the tip of the iceberg. The government investigations have uncovered the existence of "a broad, well-coordinated and long-running series of schemes to fix the prices and allocate markets for a number of generic pharmaceuticals in the United States." Plaintiffs do not yet have access to all of the information available to the government enforcement agencies. What is known is that in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> State of Connecticut v. Aurobindo Pharma USA, Inc., No. 3:16-cv-2056 (VLB) (D. Conn.) (Doc. 168 at ¶ 9) (State AG Complaint), available at http://www.ct.gov/ag/lib/ag/press\_releases/2016/20161215\_gdms\_complain.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Mark Pazniokas, *How a small-state AG's office plays in the big leagues*, CT Mirror (Jan. 27, 2017), *available at* <a href="http://ctmirror.org/2017/01/27/how-a-small-state-ags-office-plays-in-the-big-leagues/">http://ctmirror.org/2017/01/27/how-a-small-state-ags-office-plays-in-the-big-leagues/</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> State AG Complaint ¶ 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> State AG Complaint ¶ 1.

light of all the evidence described above, the large and unprecedented price increases for Baclofen cannot be explained by normal, competitive market forces. The explanation is collusion.

# III. JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 30. Plaintiffs bring Count One of this action under Section 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. § 26) for injunctive relief and costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against Defendants for the injuries sustained by Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes described herein by reason of the violations of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3).
- 31. This action is also instituted under the antitrust, consumer protection, and common laws of various states and territories for damages and equitable relief, as described in Counts Two through Four below.
- 32. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1337 and by Section 16 of the Clayton Act (15 U.S.C. § 26). In addition, jurisdiction is conferred upon this Court by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332(d) and 1367.
- 33. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 15 U.S.C. §§ 15(a) and 22 and 28 U.S.C §§ 1391(b), (c) and (d); and 1407 and MDL Order dated April 6, 2017 (ECF No. 291), and because, during the Class Period, Defendants resided, transacted business, were found, or had agents in this District, and a substantial portion of the affected interstate trade and commerce described below has been carried out in this District. Venue is also proper in this District because the federal grand jury investigating the pricing of generic drugs is empaneled here and therefore it is likely that acts in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy took place here. According to DOJ guidelines, an "investigation should be conducted by a grand jury in a judicial district where

venue lies for the offense, such as a district from or to which price-fixed sales were made or where conspiratorial communications occurred."<sup>26</sup>

34. This Court has personal jurisdiction over each Defendant because, *inter alia*, each Defendant: (a) transacted business throughout the United States, including in this District; (b) marketed and sold Baclofen throughout the United States, including in this District; (c) had substantial contacts with the United States, including in this District; (d) was engaged in an illegal scheme and nationwide price-fixing conspiracy that was directed at, had the intended effect of causing injury to, and did cause injury to persons residing in, located in, or doing business throughout the United States, including in this District; and/or (e) took overt action in furtherance of the conspiracy in this District or conspired with someone who did, and by doing so could reasonably have expected to be sued in this District. In addition, nationwide personal jurisdiction was authorized by Congress pursuant to the Clayton Act and by 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

### IV. PLAINTIFFS

35. Plaintiffs 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund, 1199SEIU Greater New York Benefit Fund, 1199SEIU National Benefit Fund for Home Care Workers, and 1199SEIU Licensed Practical Nurses Welfare Fund are jointly administered health and welfare funds (collectively, "1199SEIU Benefit Funds"). The 1199SEIU Benefit Funds are among the largest labor-management funds in the nation, providing comprehensive health benefits to hundreds of thousands of working and retired healthcare industry workers and their families. They provide health and welfare benefits to 400,000 members, retirees, and their families, who reside in numerous locations in the United States. During the Class Period, the 1199SEIU Benefit Funds

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> DOJ, Antitrust Division Manual at III-83.

indirectly purchased and paid for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. 1199SEIU Benefit Funds made such payments and/or reimbursements in Arizona, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Puerto Rico, thereby suffering injury to its business and property. During the Class Period, the 1199SEIU Benefit Funds paid and reimbursed more for these products than they would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for those products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, the 1199SEIU Benefit Funds were injured in their business or property by reason of the violations of law alleged herein. The 1199SEIU Benefit Funds intend to continue purchasing and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

36. Plaintiff The City of Providence, Rhode Island ("Providence") is a municipal corporation. Its principal office is located in Providence, Rhode Island. Providence is a self-insured health and welfare benefit plan, and purchases, pays and/or provides reimbursement for its employees, retirees, and/or plan beneficiaries, who reside in numerous locations in the United States, for some or all of the purchase price of prescription drugs. During the Class Period, Providence indirectly purchased, paid, and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. Providence made such payments and/or reimbursements in

Florida, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia, thereby suffering injury to its business and property. During the Class Period, Providence paid and/or reimbursed more for these products than it would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and/or stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for those products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, Providence was injured in its business or property by reason of the violations of law alleged herein. Providence intends to continue purchasing and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

37. Plaintiff Louisiana Health Service & Indemnity Company d/b/a Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and HMO Louisiana, Inc. (collectively, "BCBS-LA") is headquartered in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and is Louisiana's oldest and largest domestic health insurer, with over 1 million members. During the Class Period, BCBS-LA indirectly purchased, paid, and/or provided reimbursement on behalf of its members for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. BCBS-LA made such payments and/or reimbursements in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia, thereby suffering injury to its business and property. During the Class Period, BCBS-LA paid and reimbursed more for these products than it would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive

conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for those products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, BCBS-LA was injured in its business or property by reason of the violations of law alleged herein. BCBS-LA intends to continue purchasing and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

38. Plaintiff Self-Insured Schools of California ("SISC") is a Joint Powers Authority under California law that serves the interests of California public school district members. It is headquartered in Bakersfield, California. It provides health benefit plans to approximately 300,000 members who reside in numerous locations in the United States. During the Class Period, SISC indirectly purchased and paid for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. SISC made such payments and/or reimbursements in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming, thereby suffering injury to its business and property. During the Class Period, SISC paid and reimbursed more for these products than it would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for those products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, SISC was injured in its business or property by reason of the violations of law alleged herein. SISC intends to continue purchasing and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

39. Plaintiff Sergeants Benevolent Association of the Police Department of the City of New York Health and Welfare Fund ("SBA Fund") is a citizen of the State of New York, and has its principal place of business at 35 Worth Street, New York, New York. SBA Fund is an independent labor organization operating under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(5), and is sponsored and administered by a Board of Trustees. As such, SBA Fund is a legal entity entitled to bring suit in its own name. SBA Fund is an "employee welfare benefit plan" and an "employee benefit plan" with membership of approximately 36,000 active and retired sergeants of the New York City Police Department and their dependents. It provides health care benefits, including prescription drug benefits, to participants and their dependents. During the Class Period, SBA Fund indirectly purchased and paid for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. SBA Fund made such payments and/or reimbursements in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont and Puerto Rico. During the Class Period, SBA Fund paid and reimbursed more for these products than it would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for these products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, SBA Fund was injured in its business or property by reasons of the violations of law alleged herein. SBA Fund intends to continue paying and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

40. Plaintiff Unite Here Health ("UHH") is a multi-employer trust fund composed of union and employer representatives, whose mission is to provide health benefits that offer high quality, affordable healthcare to its participants at a better value and with a better service than is otherwise available in the market. Headquartered in Aurora, Illinois, UHH has served union workers in the hospitality, food service, and gaming industries for the past several decades. During the Class Period, UHH indirectly purchased and paid for some or all of the purchase price for one or more generic Baclofen prescriptions, other than for resale, manufactured by the Defendants. UHH made such payments and/or reimbursements in Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Virginia. During the Class Period, UHH purchased and paid more for these products than it would have absent Defendants' anticompetitive conduct to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices and allocate markets and customers for these products. As a result of the alleged conspiracy, UHH was injured in its business or property by reason of the violations of law alleged herein. UHH intends to continue purchasing and/or reimbursing for these drugs and will continue to be injured unless the Defendants are enjoined from their unlawful conduct as alleged herein.

# V. <u>DEFENDANTS</u>

41. Defendant Lannett Company, Inc. ("Lannett") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Lannett is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a foreign corporation. During the Class Period, Lannett sold generic Baclofen to customers in this District and other locations in the United States.

- 42. Defendant Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. ("Par") is a New York corporation with its principal place of business in Chestnut Ridge, New York. Par is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Endo International plc ("Endo"), an Irish corporation with its principal place of business located in Dublin, Ireland. In September 2015, Endo completed an acquisition of Par Pharmaceuticals Holdings, Inc. and combined it with its existing generics subsidiary, Qualitest Pharmaceuticals ("Qualitest"), naming the segment Par Pharmaceutical, Inc. Par is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a foreign corporation and maintains a registered agent in Pennsylvania. During the Class Period, Qualitest sold generic Baclofen to customers in this District and other locations in the United States.
- 43. Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Teva") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in North Wales, Pennsylvania. It is a subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., an Israeli entity. Teva is registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a foreign corporation. During the Class Period, Teva sold generic Baclofen to customers in this District and other locations in the United States.
- 44. Defendant Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC ("Upsher-Smith") is a Minnesota limited liability company with its principal place of business in Maple Grove, Minnesota. It is wholly owned by Sawai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("Sawai"), a large publicly traded generic pharmaceutical company in Japan. Sawai acquired Upsher-Smith in June 2017. During the Class Period, Upsher-Smith sold generic Baclofen to customers in this District and other locations in the United States.

# VI. <u>CO-CONSPIRATORS</u>

45. Various other persons, firms, corporations and entities have participated as coconspirators with Defendants in the violations and conspiracy alleged herein. In order to engage in the violations alleged herein, these co-conspirators have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the antitrust violations and conspiracies alleged herein. Plaintiffs may amend this Complaint to allege the names of additional co-conspirators as they are discovered.

#### VII. INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE

- 46. During the Class Period, Defendants sold and distributed generic Baclofen in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate commerce to customers throughout the United States, including in this District.
- 47. Defendants' and their co-conspirators' conduct, including the marketing and sale of generic Baclofen, took place within the United States, has had, and was intended to have, a direct, substantial, and reasonably foreseeable anticompetitive effect upon interstate commerce within the United States.
- 48. Defendants' anticompetitive conduct occurred in part in trade and commerce within the states and territories set forth herein, and also had substantial intrastate effects in that, *inter alia*, retailers within each state and territory were foreclosed from offering less expensive generic Baclofen to Plaintiffs inside each respective state and territory. The foreclosure of these less expensive generic products directly impacted and disrupted commerce for Plaintiffs within each state and territory and forced Plaintiffs to pay supracompetitive prices.

#### VIII. BACKGROUND OF THE GENERIC DRUG INDUSTRY

# A. Generic Drugs Are Commodity Products

- 49. Approximately 88% of all pharmaceutical prescriptions in the United States are filled with a generic drug.<sup>27</sup> In 2015, generic drug sales in the United States were estimated at \$74.5 billion.<sup>28</sup>
- 50. According to the U.S. Food & Drug Administration ("FDA"), a generic drug is "the same as a brand name drug in dosage, safety, strength, how it is taken, quality, performance, and intended use."<sup>29</sup> Once the FDA approves a generic drug as "therapeutically equivalent" to a brand drug, the generic version "can be expected to have equal effect and no difference when substituted for the brand name product."<sup>30</sup>
- 51. In a competitive market, generic drugs cost substantially less than branded drugs. The U.S. Congressional Budget Office ("CBO") estimates that, "[o]n average, the retail price of a generic drug is 75 percent lower than the retail price of a brand-name drug." And that may be conservative. According to a Federal Trade Commission ("FTC") study, in a "mature generic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> GPhA, Generic Drug Savings in the U.S. (2015) ("GPhA Report") at 1, available at <a href="http://www.gphaonline.org/media/wysiwyg/PDF/GPhA">http://www.gphaonline.org/media/wysiwyg/PDF/GPhA</a> Savings Report 2015.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> Connecticut AG, Press Release (Dec. 15, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341">http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=588538&A=2341</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> FDA Website, *available at* <a href="http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm079436.htm#G">http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/InformationOnDrugs/ucm079436.htm#G</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> CBO, Effects of Using Generic Drugs on Medicare's Prescription Drug Spending (Sep. 15, 2010), available at <a href="https://www.cbo.gov/publication/21800">https://www.cbo.gov/publication/21800</a>.

market, generic prices are, on average, 85% lower than the pre-entry branded drug price."<sup>32</sup> Mature generic markets—like that of Baclofen—typically have several manufacturers that compete for sales, hence keeping prices in check.

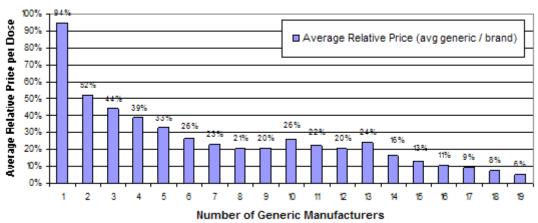
- 52. Generic drug price competition provides enormous savings to consumers, pharmacies, and other drug purchasers, as well as to private health insurers, health and welfare funds, and state Medicaid programs. Indeed, one study found that the use of generic medicines saved the United States healthcare system \$254 billion in 2014 alone, and \$1.68 trillion between 2005 and 2014.<sup>33</sup>
- 53. The significant cost savings provided by generic drugs motivated Congress to enact the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, more commonly known as the "Hatch-Waxman Act" (Pub. L. No. 98-417, 98 Stat. 1585). The Act streamlines the regulatory hurdles that generic drug manufacturers have to clear prior to marketing and selling generic drugs. Generic drug manufacturers may obtain FDA approval in an expedited fashion through the filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application ("ANDA") that establishes that its product is bioequivalent to the branded counterpart.
- 54. Since passage of the Hatch-Waxman Act, every state has adopted substitution laws requiring or permitting pharmacies to substitute generic drug equivalents for branded drug prescriptions (unless the prescribing physician specifically orders otherwise by writing "dispense as written" or similar language on the prescription).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> FTC, *Pay-For-Delay: How Drug Company Pay-offs Cost Consumers Billions* (Jan. 2010), *available at* <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/os/2010/01/100112payfordelayrpt.pdf">http://www.ftc.gov/os/2010/01/100112payfordelayrpt.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> GPhA Report at 1.

- 55. Because each generic is readily substitutable for another generic of the same brand drug, pricing is the main differentiating feature. As recognized by the FTC, "generic drugs are commodity products" and, as a consequence of that, are marketed "primarily on the basis of price."<sup>34</sup> In a competitive market, generic manufacturers cannot significantly increase prices (or maintain high prices in the face of a competitor's lower price) without losing a significant volume of sales.
- 56. It is well-established that competition among generic manufacturers drives down price. Before generic drugs enter a market, the brand drug has a monopoly and captures 100% of sales. When lower-priced generics become available, the brand drug quickly loses market share as purchasers switch to the less expensive alternatives. Over time, the price of a generic drug approaches the manufacturers' marginal costs. As illustrated in the following chart, the price of a generic drug tends to decrease as more generic drug manufacturers enter the market:

### **Generic Competition and Drug Prices**



Source: FDA analysis of retail sales data from IMS Health, IMS National Sales Perspective (TM), 1999-2004, extracted February 2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> FTC, Authorized Generic Drugs: Short-Term Effects and Long-Term Impact (Aug. 2011), available at <a href="http://www.ftc.gov/os/2011/08/2011genericdrugreport.pdf">http://www.ftc.gov/os/2011/08/2011genericdrugreport.pdf</a>

57. When new entrants join a competitive generic market, they typically will price their product below the prevailing market price in order to gain market share. A recent government report confirmed this phenomenon in interviews with generic manufacturers: "manufacturers said that if a company is bringing a generic drug into an established drug market, it typically offers a price that is lower than the current market price in order to build its customer base. Manufacturers also said that as each new manufacturer enters an established generic drug market the price of that generic will fall, with one manufacturer noting that it is typically a 20 percent price decline per entrant."

58. When there are multiple generic manufacturers in an established generic market—as with generic Baclofen—prices should remain low and stable, and should not increase significantly (and stay there) absent a market disruption or, as is the case here, anticompetitive conduct.

# B. Pricing in the U.S. Prescription Drug Industry

59. In simple terms, the generic pharmaceutical supply chain flows as follows: Manufacturers sell drugs to wholesalers. Wholesalers sell drugs to pharmacies. Pharmacies dispense the drugs to consumers, who pay the full retail price if they are uninsured, or a portion of the retail price (*e.g.*, a co-pay or co-insurance) if they are insured. The insured consumers' health plans then pay the pharmacies additional amounts that are specified in agreements between them and the pharmacies. These agreements are sometimes arranged by middlemen known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers ("PBMs").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> GAO Report at 23.

- 60. Because the prices paid by purchasers of generic drugs differ at different levels of the market and most of the transactions occur between private parties according to terms that are not publicly disclosed, the price of a given drug is not always obvious. Market-wide pricing for a given drug, however, may be observed through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") survey of National Average Drug Acquisition Cost ("NADAC"). NADAC was "designed to create a national benchmark that is reflective of the prices paid by retail community pharmacies to acquire prescription . . . drugs." "NADAC is a simple average of the drug acquisition costs submitted by retail community pharmacies." In effect, NADAC is "a single national average." Thus, NADAC is one way to track general price trends in the marketplace.
- 61. While NADAC provides the average price level across all manufacturers of a given drug, other prices are manufacturer specific. Drug manufacturers typically report benchmarks—like Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC)—for their drugs, which are then published in compendia used by participants in the pharmaceutical industry. The benchmarks are not actual transaction prices; rather, they are the manufacturer's reported list price. Accordingly, WAC prices do not take into account discounts that may be provided, *e.g.*, for volume sales.<sup>39</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> CMS, Methodology for Calculating the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) for Medicaid Covered Outpatient Drugs at 5, *available at* <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/prescription-drugs/ful-nadac-downloads/nadacmethodology.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/prescription-drugs/ful-nadac-downloads/nadacmethodology.pdf</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> *Id.* at 15.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Average Wholesale Price ("AWP") is another benchmark price that is used in the pharmaceutical industry. And QuintilesIMS's National Sales Perspectives ("NSP") is another measure of manufacturer specific pricing. NSP data "captures 100% of the total U.S. pharmaceutical market, measuring sales at actual transaction prices rather than using an average wholesale price" and includes sales by manufacturers into various outlets. IMS Institute for

62. The amount that an end-payer will pay a pharmacy for a generic drug typically is

determined with reference to a benchmark or list price like a WAC. The end-payer pays the

pharmacy an amount based on the manufacturer's list price for the drug, plus a small mark-up or

dispensing fee. Over time, third-party payers and PBMs have learned that manufacturers' list

prices for some generic drugs can be substantially higher than the actual costs incurred by certain

pharmacies to acquire the drugs. As a consequence, end-payers were paying more than simply

the acquisition cost plus a small amount.

63. To combat this, some third-party payers and PBMs have implemented their own

proprietary benchmark prices—Maximum Allowable Costs ("MACs")—that set the amounts

they will pay pharmacies for some generic drugs. A MAC caps the amount that an end-payer will

pay a pharmacy for a given strength and dosage of a generic drug, regardless of the pharmacy's

acquisition costs.

64. Third-party payers and PBMs set the MAC of a drug based on several factors, one

of which is believed to be the lowest acquisition cost in the market for that generic drug. So, for

example, if there are three manufacturers offering the same generic drug at three different prices,

a PBM or third-party payer might set the MAC price at or near the lowest of the three prices. A

pharmacy could elect to buy from a manufacturer with a higher price, but upon resale to a

customer of the PBM or third-party payer, the pharmacy would only be paid the MAC price.

65. Drug purchasers always should have an incentive to buy the least expensive

available drug. Because MAC prices further incentivize pharmacies to choose the lowest priced

option, a generic manufacturer that increases its price for a drug should expect to lose sales to a

Healthcare Informatics, HSRN Data Brief: National Sales Perspectives at 1, available at

https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP Data Brief-.pdf.

competitor with a lower price. Consequently, in the absence of coordinated pricing activity among generic manufacturers, an individual manufacturer should not be able to significantly increase its price (or maintain a higher price in the face of a significantly lower competitor price) without incurring the loss of a significant volume of sales. A manufacturer can only raise its price if it knows its competitors will raise their prices, too, *i.e.*, if they are conspiring.

#### IX. THE GENERIC BACLOFEN CONSPIRACY

# A. Congressional Responses to Generic Drug Price Increases

- 66. In addition to the investigations by DOJ and the Connecticut AG, Congress has raised concerns about the alarming price spikes for numerous generic pharmaceuticals. These concerns were prompted in part by the very real hardship suffered by end-payers as a result of the unprecedented price increases.
- 67. In the fall of 2014, Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Elijah Cummings requested information from manufacturers of 10 drugs that had experienced extraordinary price increases. Six of those drugs are now the subject of complaints in this MDL.<sup>40</sup> In November 2014, Senator Sanders conducted a hearing entitled "Why Are Some Generic Drugs Skyrocketing in Price?" ("Senate Hearing"). Various witnesses discussed the price hikes for generic drugs, but none of the industry executives that were invited to testify—including Arthur

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Senator Sanders, Press Release, *Congress Investigating Why Generic Drug Prices Are Skyrocketing* (Oct. 2, 2014), *available at* <a href="https://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/congress-investigating-why-generic-drug-prices-are-skyrocketing">https://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/congress-investigating-why-generic-drug-prices-are-skyrocketing</a>.

Bedrosian ("Bedrosian"), the CEO of Lannett, and Erez Vigodman, the CEO of Teva—appeared.<sup>41</sup>

68. Senator Sanders and Representative Cummings followed up with a request to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Health & Human Services ("OIG"), asking it to investigate the effect that price increases of generic drugs have had on the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The OIG issued its report in December 2015, confirming that price increases for numerous generic drugs far outpaced inflation.<sup>42</sup>

69. In response to another Congressional request—this one from Senators Susan Collins, Claire McCaskill, Bill Nelson and Mark Warner—the United States Government Accountability Office ("GAO") issued a report in August 2016 entitled "Generic Drugs Under Medicare: Part D Generic Drug Prices Declined Overall, but Some Had Extraordinary Price Increases." The GAO investigation confirmed that in a competitive market, generic drug prices decline and remain stable, absent shortages or other market disruptions. And this was the case for most generics. But it identified numerous drugs that experienced "extraordinary" increases, which it defined as an increase of more than 100%. Baclofen is among the drugs identified by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Senate Hearing (Nov. 20, 2014), *available at* <a href="https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/why-are-some-generic-drugs-skyrocketing-in-priced">https://www.help.senate.gov/hearings/why-are-some-generic-drugs-skyrocketing-in-priced</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> HHS OIG, Average Manufacturer Prices Increased Faster than Inflation for Many Generic Drugs (Dec. 2015), available at <a href="https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/61500030.pdf">https://oig.hhs.gov/oas/reports/region6/61500030.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> GAO Report.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Id.* at 23-25.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> *Id.* at 1 & Appendix III.

the GAO, which concluded that Baclofen, in both the 10 mg and 20 mg tablet form, "[e]xperienced an extraordinary price increase" in 2014-2015. 46

70. Nor was Congress alone in identifying skyrocketing generic drug prices. For example, American Pharmacies, a group of independent pharmacists that monitors the pricing of generic drugs and issues notices to customers, warned in February 2014 of the recently announced "[m]arketwide price increases of more than 500% . . . occurring on Baclofen tablets."47

#### В. The Generic Baclofen Market

- 71. Baclofen is sold throughout the United States and its territories and is chiefly prescribed to treat the symptoms of MS, in addition to other spinal diseases and injuries.
- 72. At all relevant times, Defendants had substantial market power with respect to generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants dominated the market, collectively accounting for at least of all U.S. sales of generic Baclofen. Before the Class Period, from March 2011 through January 2014, Defendants likewise dominated the market, collectively accounting for approximately of all U.S. sales of generic Baclofen.
- 73. Defendants exercised this power to maintain supracompetitive prices for Baclofen without losing so many sales as to make the elevated price unprofitable.
- 74 Defendants sold generic Baclofen at prices in excess of marginal costs, in excess of a competitive price, and enjoyed high profit margins.

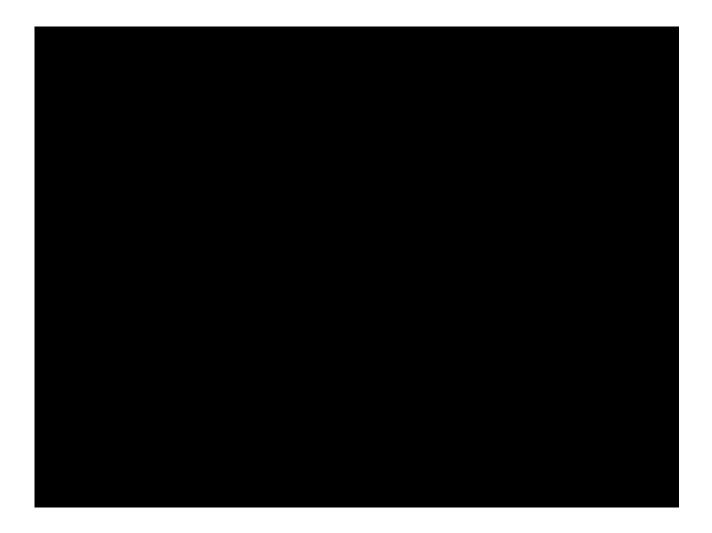
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> American Pharmacies, *Price Rise Imminent on Baclofen Tablets*, Feb. 27, 2014, https://www.aprx.org/aprx-generic-edge/generic-alert-2272014 (last accessed Mar. 17, 2017).

- 75. The Baclofen manufactured, marketed, and sold by Defendants comes in just two tablet dosages, 10 mg and 20 mg. When a doctor first prescribes Baclofen, he or she will start the patient on a low dosage, usually about 5 mg three times a day (a split pill), and gradually increase until the optimum effect is achieved (usually between 40 and 80 mg in divided doses over the course of the day). Typically, patients requiring Baclofen will take the drug in two to four doses per day, every day, for the rest of their lives.
- 76. The FDA first approved the manufacture and sale of Baclofen, then branded as "Lioresal," in 1977, in response to an NDA application submitted by Ciba-Geigy (now Novartis).
- 77. In 1982, generic Baclofen first entered the market, with FDA approval. Although a number of generic-drug manufacturers subsequently sought and received FDA approval to manufacture and sell baclofen, by 2014 the four Defendants named here—Lannett, Par (Qualitest), Teva, and Upsher-Smith—dominated the U.S. Baclofen market and enjoyed tremendous market power.
- 78. Through their market dominance, Defendants have successfully foreclosed the market to rival competition, thereby maintaining and enhancing market power and enabling Defendants to charge Plaintiffs supracompetitive prices for generic Baclofen.
- 79. The market for Baclofen is mature, and drug manufacturers that operate in that market can only gain market share by competing on price.
- 80. Unlike with many other generic drugs, the branded version of Baclofen tablets—Lioresal—no longer exists in the United States after Novartis discontinued its manufacture and sale in or around 2001.

81. Annual sales of Baclofen in the United States were approximately \$320 million in 2013 before skyrocketing—as a result of Defendants' unlawful and anticompetitive agreement—to \$1.12 billion in 2014 and to \$1.85 billion in 2015.

#### C. Generic Baclofen Price Increases

- 82. There are no legitimate reasons or explanations for the unprecedented and dramatic price increases for Baclofen by Defendants.
- 83. Baclofen pricing was remarkably stable for many years until early 2014. From March 2011 through January 2014, *i.e.*, for nearly three years leading up to the price-fixing conspiracy, the standard deviation percentage of mean prices for Defendants Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith was no more than
- 84. Beginning on or around February 2014, however—and without any explanation—all four Defendants raised their Baclofen prices *fourfold* and even *fivefold*, breaking with a four-year-or-more period of universally flat and stable pricing:





85. From early 2010 through the end of 2013, Defendants' average effective prices<sup>48</sup> ranged from about per unit. By late 2014, however, each defendant had raised its Baclofen prices by at least 400% or more. And by 2015, Defendants had achieved the goals of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Plaintiffs calculate Defendants' effective prices based on IMS Health's National Sales Perspectives (NSP) data, which "captures 100% of the total U.S. pharmaceutical market, measuring sales at actual transaction prices[.]" IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, HSRN Data Brief: National Sales Perspectives at 1, *available at* <a href="https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP\_Data\_Brief-.pdf">https://www.imshealth.com/files/web/IMSH%20Institute/NSP\_Data\_Brief-.pdf</a>. Effective prices are calculated to multiple decimals. For ease of reference, prices in this complaint are rounded to the nearest cent. However, percentage increases are calculated based on the more precisely calculated price.

the conspiracy, elevating Baclofen prices spectacularly—and keeping them there for years without losing sales revenue or significant market share.

86. **Upsher-Smith**: In the nearly three years leading up to the Class Period, the average effective price of its 10 mg tablet was just and just for its 20 mg product.

87. But beginning in February 2014, it drastically increased its effective prices:

Product	Price Jan. 2014	Hike Date	Hike Price	Percentage Increase
10 mg tabs				
20 mg tabs				

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Product	Price Date	Peak Price	Percentage Increase
10 mg tabs			
20 mg tabs			

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Product	Price Jan. 2014	Price Feb. 2017	Percentage Increase
10 mg tabs			
20 mg tabs			

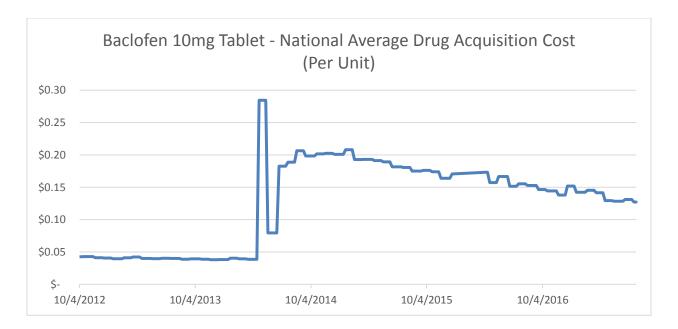
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Product	Price Date	e Peal	k Price	Percent	age Increase
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20 mg tabs					
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10 mg tabs					

20 mg tabs

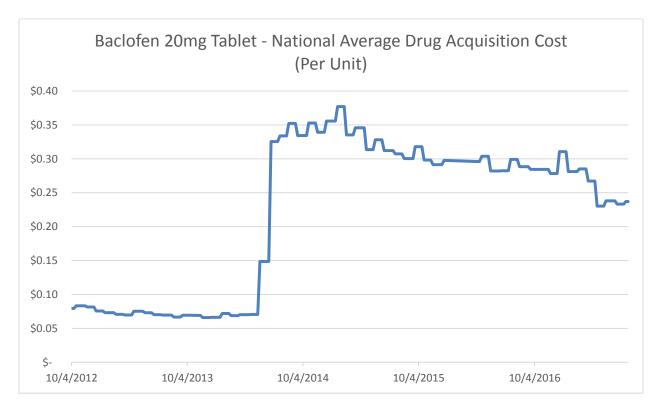
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price of its 10 mg ta	ablet was just a	nd just for i	ts 20 mg pro	duct.	
95. But 1	beginning in Februa	ry and April of 2	014, it began	n to incre	ase its effective
prices:					
Product	Price Jan. 2014	Hike Date	Hike 1	Price	Percentage Increase
10 mg tabs					
20 mg tabs					
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10 mg tabs					
20 mg tabs					
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Product	Price Jan. 20	)14 Price F	Feb. 2017	Percent	tage Increase
10 mg tabs					
20 mg tabs	_				

- 98. Lannett withdrew from the market in 2012 and did not return until during the Class Period. Instead of competing on price, however, Lannett re-entered the market at supracompetitive prices, comparable to the other Defendants.
- 99. Notably, Northstar Rx LLC ("Northstar") and Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd. ("Caraco"), which together held less than market share throughout the Class Period and are not named as Defendants here, *did not* institute corresponding price hikes, confirming further the absence of any external market forces that might have caused prices to rise dramatically in 2014. Defendants' overwhelming market share ensured that a four-way conspiracy would be profitable and would not risk losing significant market share to other non-colluding competitors.
- 100. The National Average Drug Acquisition Cost ("NADAC") data<sup>49</sup> for Baclofen likewise reveals a pattern of massive price increases beginning in early 2014, after which prices remained elevated well above their previous competitive levels.
- 101. The NADAC data for 10 mg Baclofen tablets (sold by all Defendants) shows substantially higher prices, on average, from early 2014 onward—in stark contrast to the years that preceded this jump.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> The NADAC data is a pricing reference file published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that is based on average actual acquisition costs of various outpatient drugs collected from a monthly survey of retail community pharmacies across the United States. *See* <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/prescription-drugs/fulnadac-downloads/nadacmethodology.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-topics/prescription-drugs/fulnadac-downloads/nadacmethodology.pdf</a>.

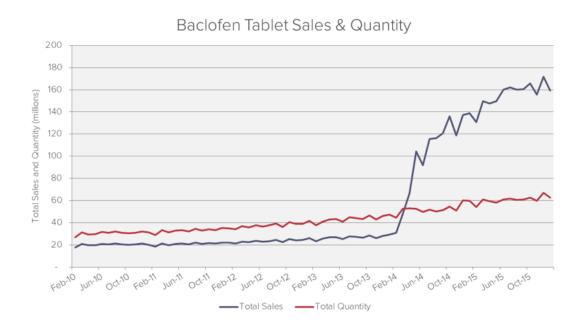


102. The NADAC data for 20 mg Baclofen tablets (sold by all Defendants) likewise shows substantially higher prices, on average, from early 2014 onward—in stark contrast to the years that preceded this jump.



103. The sustained price elevation reflected in the NADAC data, across Baclofen in various dosages, was the result of a conspiracy among Defendants to allocate customers, rig bids, and artificially raise, fix, maintain, and/or stabilize the price of Baclofen sold in the United States.

104. These extraordinary price increases were not the result of supply shortages, demand spikes, increased input costs, or other competitive market conditions. There were no relevant labelling changes or reported drug shortages that might have led to price increases. Nor was there a spike in demand that could explain the price hikes. Prior to the 2014 price hikes, the quantity of Baclofen sold and the total associated Baclofen revenue moved in tandem. After the price hike, however, Defendants reaped enormous profits from Baclofen while the actual quantity sold remained comparatively static, in defiance of previous competitive norms:



Source: Symphony Health

105. Federal law requires drug manufacturers to report potential drug shortages to the FDA, the reasons therefor, and the expected duration of the shortage. The Defendants reported no Baclofen-related supply disruptions or shortages to the FDA during the relevant period. The American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, which maintains bulletins of current and resolved drug shortages, likewise has no record of a Baclofen shortage during the relevant period. Furthermore, as discussed above, two competitors with small market share did not institute dramatic price hikes at the same time, which provides even more evidence that external market forces did not cause Defendants to increase their prices.

106. And because generic pharmaceutical manufacturers do not need to incur the large research and development costs that brand manufacturers absorb in developing new drugs, the price increases cannot be attributed to the need to fund research and development. Indeed, Baclofen had been available in generic form for *over 30 years* at the time of the 2014 price spikes.

107. Industry analysts have also suggested that recent price increases for Baclofen and other generic drugs are the result of collusion among manufacturers. Richard Evans at *Sector & Sovereign Research* wrote in 2015: "[a] plausible explanation [for price increases of generic drugs] is that generic manufacturers, having fallen to near historic low levels of financial performance are cooperating to raise the prices of products whose characteristics – low sales due to either very low prices or very low volumes – accommodate price inflation." <sup>50</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> Ed Silverman, *Generic Drug Prices Keep Rising, but is a Slowdown Coming?* Wall St. J. (April 22, 2015), *available at* <a href="http://blogs.wsj.com/pharmalot/2015/04/22/generic-drug-prices-keep-rising-but-is-a-slowdown-coming">http://blogs.wsj.com/pharmalot/2015/04/22/generic-drug-prices-keep-rising-but-is-a-slowdown-coming</a>.

108. This abrupt shift in the pricing of Baclofen has had a catastrophic effect on consumers and has caused extreme hardship to end-payers, including Plaintiffs. As noted in letters sent to generic drug manufacturers as part of a Congressional investigation into unexplained price increases:

This dramatic increase in generic drug prices results in decreased access for patients. According to the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA), a 2013 member survey found that pharmacists across the country "have seen huge upswings in generic drug prices that are hurting patients and pharmacies ability to operate," and "77% of pharmacists reported 26 or more instances over the past six months of a large upswing in a generic drug's acquisition price." These price increases have a direct impact on patients' ability to purchase their needed medications. The NCPA survey found that "pharmacists reported patients declining their medication due to increased co-pays," and "84% of pharmacists said that the acquisition price/lagging reimbursement trend is having a 'very significant' impact on their ability to remain in business to continue serving patients." (Footnotes omitted).<sup>51</sup>

- 109. The overcharges resulting from Defendants' conduct are directly traceable through the pharmaceutical distribution chain to End-Payers. A manufacturer first sells the drug to direct purchaser wholesalers based on the listed WAC, minus applicable discounts. Wholesalers then sell the drug to pharmacies, which in turn sell the drugs to End-Payers. The WAC serves as the benchmark for prices throughout the distribution chain.
- 110. Defendants' price increases for Baclofen resulted in corresponding increases to the prices paid by Plaintiffs and members of the proposed Classes. Corresponding increases in Baclofen's transactional prices demonstrate that increased Wholesale Acquisition Cost ("WAC") prices translate to increases in the prices paid by End-Payers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Sen. Sanders and Rep. Cummings' letters to generic manufacturers, *available at* <a href="http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/congress-investigating-why-generic-drug-prices-are-skyrocketing.">http://www.sanders.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/congress-investigating-why-generic-drug-prices-are-skyrocketing.</a>

111. An individual manufacturer's WAC increase influences the actual prices paid for the drug. This is the case here, where Defendants dominate the Baclofen market, and within less than two months of each other Upsher-Smith and Teva set identical WACs:<sup>52</sup>

Product	Defendant	NDC	Old WAC	New WAC	Date of Increase	Percentage Increase
10 mg, 100 ct	Upsher- Smith	00832102400	\$0.07	\$0.30	21-Feb-14	350%
10 mg, 100 ct	Teva	00172409660	\$0.07	\$0.30	15-Apr-14	350%

Product	Defendant	NDC	Old WAC	New WAC	Date of Increase	Percentage Increase
10 mg, 1,000 ct	Upsher- Smith	00832102410	\$0.07	\$0.30	21-Feb-14	350%
10 mg, 1,000 ct	Teva	00172409680	\$0.06	\$0.30	15-Apr-14	374%

Product	Defendant	NDC	Old WAC	New WAC	Date of Increase	Percentage Increase
20 mg, 100 ct.	Upsher- Smith	00832102500	\$0.10	\$0.49	21-Feb-14	420%
20 mg, 100 ct.	Teva	00172409760	\$0.10	\$0.49	15-Apr-14	420%

Product	Defendant	NDC	Old WAC	New WAC	Date of Increase	Percentage Increase
20 mg, 1,000 ct.	Upsher-	00832102510	\$0.10	\$0.49	21-Feb-14	420%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> For ease of reference, WAC prices are rounded to the nearest cent, but the percentage increases are calculated on the actual reported WACs. To the best of Plaintiffs' knowledge, Par did not report WACs for its products until October 2014.

Product	DefendantNDCOld WACNew WAC			Date of Increase	Percentage Increase	
	Smith					
20 mg, 1,000 ct.	Teva	00172409780	\$0.09	\$0.49	15-Apr-14	447%

## D. Defendants' Opportunities to Conspire<sup>53</sup>

- 112. During the Class Period, Defendants conspired, combined, and contracted to fix, maintain, and stabilize prices, rig bids, and engage in market allocation concerning Baclofen, which had the intended and actual effect of causing Plaintiffs and the other members of the proposed Classes to pay artificially inflated prices above prices that would exist if a competitive market had determined prices for Baclofen.
- 113. Beginning in February 2014, Defendants collectively caused the price of Baclofen to increase dramatically. Defendants' conduct cannot be explained by normal competitive forces. It was the result of an agreement among Defendants to increase pricing and restrain competition for the sale of Baclofen in the United States. The agreement was furthered by discussions held at meetings and industry events hosted by the GPhA, HDMA, MMCAP, NACDS, and ECRM as well as other meetings and communications.
- 114. To sustain a conspiracy, conspirators often communicate to ensure that all are adhering to the collective scheme. Here, such communications occurred primarily through (1) trade association meetings and conferences, (2) private meetings, dinners, and outings among smaller groups of employees of various generic drug manufacturers, and (3) individual private

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> The allegations included in this section pertaining to the HDMA, MMCAP, NACDS, and ECRM are based in part upon documents produced to Plaintiffs pursuant to subpoenas *duces tecum* issued in *In re Propranolol Antitrust Litigation*, No. 16-cv-9901 (S.D.N.Y.).

communications between and among Defendants' employees through use of the phone, electronic messaging, and similar means.

115. These secret, conspiratorial meetings, discussions, and communications helped to ensure that all Defendants agreed to participate in, implement, and maintain an unlawful bidrigging, price-fixing, and market and customer allocation scheme.

has reportedly obtained information regarding the investigation of generic drug companies by DOJ, and has indicated that DOJ is investigating the extent to which trade associations and industry conferences have been used as forums for collusion among competing generic drug companies.<sup>54</sup> The State AGs have similarly noted the centrality of trade associations and industry conferences in their investigation, stating that they have uncovered evidence that certain generic drug companies "routinely coordinated their schemes through direct interaction with their competitors at industry trade shows, customer conferences, and other events, as well as through direct email, phone, and text message communications."

117. Defendants were members of numerous trade associations, which they used to facilitate their conspiratorial communications and implement their anticompetitive scheme to raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices of Baclofen, and to engage in market allocation for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> Eric Palmer, *Actavis gets subpoena as DOJ probe of generic pricing moves up food chain*, FIERCEPHARMA (Aug. 7, 2015), *available at* <a href="http://www.fiercepharma.com/story/actavisgets-subpoena-doj-probe-generic-pricing-moves-food-chain/2015-08-07">http://www.fiercepharma.com/story/actavis-gets-subpoena-doj-probe-generic-pricing-moves-food-chain/2015-08-07</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> CTAG Website, Press Release, 40 State Attorneys General Now Plaintiffs in Federal Generic Drug Antitrust Lawsuit (Mar. 1, 2017), available at http://www.ct.gov/ag/cwp/view.asp?Q=590616&A=2341.

Baclofen, including, but not limited to, GPhA, the NACDS, and HDMA. In addition, Defendants regularly attended industry events hosted by the MMCAP and the ECRM.

118. The GPhA (now called the Association for Accessible Medicines) is the "nation's leading trade association for manufacturers and distributors of generic prescription drugs."<sup>56</sup> GPhA was formed in 2000 from the merger of three industry trade associations: the Generic Pharmaceutical Industry Association, the National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, and the National Pharmaceutical Alliance.

119. GPhA's website touts, "[b]y becoming part of GPhA, you can participate in shaping the policies that govern the generic industry" and lists its "valuable membership services, such as business networking opportunities, educational forums, access to lawmakers and regulators, and peer-to-peer connections." GPhA's "member companies supply approximately 90 percent of the generic prescription drugs dispensed in the U.S. each year."

120. Defendants Par and Teva were regular members of the GPhA during the Class Period, and all Defendants regularly attended GPhA meetings and events. Regular members "are corporations, partnerships or other legal entities whose primary United States business derives the majority of its revenues from sales of (1) finished dose drugs approved via ANDAs; (2)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> GPhA, The Association, *available at* <a href="http://web.archive.org/web/20150413013801/http://www.gphaonline.org:80/about/the-gpha-association">http://web.archive.org/web/20150413013801/http://www.gphaonline.org:80/about/the-gpha-association</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> GPhA, Membership, *available at* <a href="http://web.archive.org/web/20150413013008/http://www.gphaonline.org:80/about/membership.">http://web.archive.org/web/20150413013008/http://www.gphaonline.org:80/about/membership.</a>

products sold as authorized generic drugs; (3) biosimilar/biogeneric products; or (4) DESI products."58

121. Several of Defendants' high-ranking corporate officers have served on GPhA's Board of Directors before and during the Class Period, including Debra Barrett, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs for Teva (2012-2013, 2015-2016), Allan Oberman, President & CEO of Teva (2014), and Tony Pera of Chief Commercial Officer of Par (2015-2016).

122. In addition, Former Heritage CEO, Jeffrey Glazer, who pleaded guilty to federal criminal charges relating to price fixing and other anticompetitive activity concerning generic drugs, also served on GPhA's board of directors.

The NACDS is a national trade association representing chain community 123. pharmacies. Its members include generic drug manufacturers, wholesalers, and retail chain pharmacies. NACDS holds regular industry events, including annual and regional conferences, which Defendants and other generic drug manufacturers attended, including the annual Total Store Expo.

The HDMA (now the HDA) is a national trade association that represents 124. "primary pharmaceutical distributors" which links the nation's drug manufacturers and more than 200,000 pharmacies, hospitals, long-term care facilities, and clinics. <sup>59</sup> HDMA holds regular conferences where its members, including generic drug manufacturers, meet to discuss various

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> HDA website, About, available at https://www.healthcaredistribution.org/about.

issues affecting the pharmaceutical industry. HDMA members during the Class Period have included Defendants Lannett, Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith.

125. According to its website, MMCAP is a "free, voluntary group purchasing organization for government facilities that provide healthcare services. MMCAP has been delivering pharmacy and healthcare value to members since 1985. MMCAP's membership extends across nearly every state in the nation, delivering volume buying power. Members receive access to a full range of pharmaceuticals and other healthcare products and services such as medical supplies, influenza vaccine, dental supplies, drug testing, wholesaler invoice auditing and returned goods processing."

Administration, an agency of the State of Minnesota, began a cooperative purchasing venture program to procure pharmaceutical products at the best price possible for the benefit of any other state interested in participating in the program . . . . In 1996, the cooperative purchasing venture was named Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy . . . and currently provide healthcare-related contracting to state and local government members located across the United State of America. Total purchasers by MMCAP member facilities for all MMCAP programs exceed \$1 billion annually . . . ."

127. Representatives of Defendants Lannett, Teva, and Upsher-Smith regularly attended MMCAP meetings during the Class Period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy, Home, *available at* http://www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us/mmcap/.

128. According to its website, ECRM conducts Efficient Program Planning Sessions that are made up of one-on-one strategic meetings that connect decision makers in an effort to maximize time, grow sales, and uncover industry trends.

129.	At	annual	meetings	organized	by	ECRM,			
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- 131. As further set forth below, meetings and events hosted by the GPhA, HDMA, NACDS, MMCAP, and ECRM were frequently held during the Class Period and attended by high-level representatives from each Defendant, including employees with price-setting authority.
- 132. For example, on October 1-3, 2012, GPhA held a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland that was attended by representatives from all Defendants, including Lannett, Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith.
- 133. On February 20-22, 2013, GPhA held its Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida that was attended by representatives of at least Defendants Par and Teva.
- 134. On June 4-5, 2013, GPhA held a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland that was attended by representatives from all Defendants, including Lannett, Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith.
- 135. On August 10-13, 2013, NACDS held its 2013 Total Store Expo at the Sands Expo Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. NACDS's August 2013 Total Store Expo was

attended by the representatives from all Defendants, including at least the following key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:

- (a) **Lannett:** Arthur Bedrosian, President & CEO; William Schreck, COO; Justin McManus, Director, National Accounts; Kevin Smith, VP Sales & Marketing; Tracy Sullivan, National Accounts Manager; Lauren Carotenuto, National Accounts Representative;
- (b) **Par**: Jon Holden, Vice President of Sales; Renee Kenney, Senior Advisor Generic Sales; Karen O'Connor, Vice President National Accounts; Gerald Burton, Vice President, National Accounts; Christine Caronna, Director, National Accounts;
- (c) **Teva**: Theresa Coward, Senior Director of Sales; David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales; Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer N.A. Generics; Kevin Galowina, Head of Marketing Operations; Jessica Peters, Manager of Corporate Accounts; Allan Oberman, President and CEO Teva Americas Generics; Scott Goldy, Director, National Accounts; Kevin Green, Associate Vice President, National Accounts; Jonathan Kafer, Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing; Jennifer Chang, Director, Marketing; Teri Mouro Sherman, Director, National Accounts; Jessica Peters, Manager, Corporate Accounts;
- (d) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Brad Leonard, Senior Director, National Accounts; JoAnn Gaio, Senior National Account Manager; Jim Maahs, Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Management; Michael Muzetras, Senior National Account Manager; Chad Olson, Director, Generic Products; Beth Pannier, Senior National Account Manager; Mary Rotunno, National Account Manager;
- (e) **Endo:** Brent Bumpas, National Account Director Trade; Scott Littlefield, Trade Director; Kevin O'Brien, Senior Director Payer Markets; and

- (f) **Qualitest:** Warren Pefley, Vice President Sales & Marketing; Charles Propst, Vice President; Kelly Bachmeier, Director, National Accounts; Sandra Bayer, Sr. Director, National Accounts; Walter Busbee, Director National Accounts; Darren Hall, Director, National Accounts; Lori Minnihan, Associate Director, Trade Pricing Operations; Spike Pannell, National Account Manager; Michael Reiny, Vice President, Purchasing; Jeremy Tatum, Director.
- 136. On September 29-October 2, 2013, HDMA held its Annual Board and Membership Meeting in White Sulpher Springs, West Virginia, which was attended by at least the following representatives from Defendants, who were key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
- (a) **Teva:** David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales, US Generics; Teri Coward, Senior Director of National Sales; Christopher Doerr, Trade Operations; and
- (b) **Upsher-Smith**: Thomas Burke, Chief Operating Officer; Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President Sales; Jim Maahs, Senior Director, Commercial Operations; Mike McBride, Associate Vice President, Partner Relations.
- 137. On October 28-30, 2013, GPhA held a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland that was attended by representatives from all Defendants, including Lannett, Par, Teva and Upsher-Smith.
- 138. On December 3, 2013, NACDS held its 2013 NYC Week and annual foundation dinner in New York City, which was attended by at least the following representatives from Defendants:
- (a) **Teva**: Theresa Coward, Senior Director of Sales; David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales; Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer N.A. Generics; and

- (b) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Jim Maahs, Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Management; Mike McBride, Vice President Partner Relations.
- 139. On February 19-21, 2014, GPhA held its Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida that was attended by representatives from Defendants Teva, Par, and Upsher-Smith.

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- 141. On April 1, 2014, HDMA held its Sixth Annual Roundtable Fundraiser in New York, New York, which was attended by at least the following representatives from Defendants, who were key executives for generic drug sales and pricing;
- (a) **Teva**: Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing; David Rekenthaler, Vice President, U.S. Generic Sales; and
- (b) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Jim Maahs, Senior Director, Commercial Operations.
- 142. On April 26-29, 2014, NACDS held its 2014 annual meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. NACDS's 2014 annual meeting was attended by at least the following representatives from Defendants, who were key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
- (a) **Par**: Jon Holden, Vice President of Sales; Paul Campanelli, President; Renee Kenney, Senior Advisor Generic Sales; Antonio Pera, Chief Commercial Officer;
- (b) **Teva**: Theresa Coward, Senior Director of Sales; David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales; Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer N.A. Generics; Allan Oberman, President and CEO Teva Americas Generics;
- (c) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Brad Leonard, Senior Director, National Accounts; Jim Maahs, Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Management; Mark Evenstad, CEO; Rusty Field, President; Mike McBride, Upsher-Smith Laboratories, Inc.; and
- (d) Endo: Brent Bumpas, National Account Director-Trade; Scott Littlefield,Trade Director.

- 143. On May 12-15, 2014, MMCAP held its National Member Conference in Bloomington, Minnesota. At MMCAP's 2014 National Member Conference, topics included "RFPs under consideration for Pharmacy," "contract evaluation," and "pharmaceutical price increases." At the MMCAP conference, a Heritage employee met in person and discussed price increase strategies with a number of different competitors and was able to personally confirm agreement to raise prices of at least one drug (Glyburide).
- 144. MMCAP's May 12-15, 2014 National Member Conference was attended by the following representatives from Defendants, who were key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
  - (a) Lannett: Tracy Sullivan, National Account Manager;
  - (b) **Teva**: Nick Gerebi, National Account Manager;
  - (c) **Upsher-Smith**: Michelle Brassington, Regional Account Manager;
- 145. On June 1-4, 2014, the HDMA held a BLC at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge in Phoenix, Arizona. The June 1-4, 2014 BLC was attended by representatives from all four Defendants, including the following key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
- (a) **Lannett:** Kevin Smith, VP Sales & Marketing; Tracy Sullivan, Director, National Accounts; Grace Wilks, Director Sales & Marketing; Justin McManus, Director, National Accounts and Sales.
- (b) Upsher-Smith: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Brad Leonard,Senior Director, National Accounts;
  - (c) **Par**: Lisa Walker, Director, Distribution and Customer Service;

- (d) **Teva**: Theresa Coward, Senior Director, Sales and Trade Relations; Jessica Peters, Director, Trade Relations; and
- (e) **Qualitest**: Michael Reiney, Vice President, Sales; Charles Proost, Vice President, National Accounts.
- 146. On June 3-4, 2014, GPhA held a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland that was attended by representatives from all four Defendants, including Lannett, Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith.
- 147. On August 23-26, 2014, NACDS held its 2014 Total Store Expo at the Boston Convention Center in Boston, Massachusetts. NACDS's August 2014 Total Store Expo was attended by representatives from all Defendants, including at least the following key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
- (a) **Lannett**: Justin McManus, Director, National Accounts; Kevin Smith, VP Sales & Marketing; Tracy Sullivan, National Accounts Manager.
- (b) **Par**: Jon Holden, Vice President of Sales; Gerald Burton, Vice President, National Accounts; Christine Caronna, Director, National Accounts; Rick Guillory, Vice President Nation Accounts; Renee Kenney, Senior Advisor Generic Sales;; Karen O'Connor, Vice President, National Accounts; Antonio Pera, Chief Commercial Officer;
- (c) **Teva**: David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales; Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer N.A. Generics; Kevin Galowina, Head of Marketing Operations; Jessica Peters, Manager of Corporate Accounts; Nisha Patel, Director of National Accounts;

- (d) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Brad Leonard, Senior Director, National Accounts; Jim Maahs, Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Management;
- (e) **Endo:** Brent Bumpus, National Account Director-Trade; Scott Littlefield, Trade Director; Kevin O'Brien, Senior Director Payer Markets; and
- (f) **Qualitest:** Kelly Bachmeier, Director, National Accounts; Sandra Bayer, Sr. Director, National Accounts; Walter Busbee, Director of National Accounts; Darren Hall, Director, National Accounts; Lori Minnihan, Associate Director, Trade Pricing Operations; Spike Pannell, National Account Maanager; Warren Pefley, Vice President Sales & Marketing; Charles Propst, Vice President; Michael Reiny, Vice President, Purchasing; Jeremy Tatum, Director Market Insights.
- 148. On October 27-29, 2014, GPhA held a meeting in Bethesda, Maryland that was attended by representatives from all Defendants, including Lannett, Par, Teva, and Upsher-Smith.
- 149. On December 3, 2014, NACDS held its 2014 NYC Week and annual foundation dinner in New York City, which was attended by at least the following representatives from Defendants, who were key executives for generic drug sales and pricing:
- (a) **Teva**: Theresa Coward, Senior Director of Sales; David Rekenthaler, Vice President, Sales; Maureen Cavanaugh, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer N.A. Generics; Jessica Peters, Manager National Accounts;

- (b) **Upsher-Smith**: Scott Hussey, Senior Vice President, Sales; Jim Maahs, Vice President, Commercial Portfolio Management; Mike McBride, Vice President Partner Relations.
- 150. In 2015, and 2016, Defendants continued to regularly attend trade association meetings, conferences and events, including: (i) the February 9-11, 2015 GPhA Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida; (ii)
- (iii) the April 25-28, 2015 NACDS Annual Meeting in Palm Beach, Florida; (iv) the June 7-10, 2015 HDMA BLC in San Antonio, Texas; (v) the June 9-10, 2015 GPhA meeting in Bethesda, Maryland; (vi) the August 22-25, 2015 NACDS Total Store Expo in Denver, Colorado; (vii) the November 2-4, 2015 GPhA meeting in Bethesda, Maryland; (viii) the December 3, 2015 NACDS NYC Foundation Reception & Dinner; (ix) the April 10-14, 2016 MMCAP meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota; (x) the April 16-19, 2016 NACDS Annual Meeting in Palm Beach, Florida; (xi) The June 12-16, 2016 HDMA BLC in Colorado Springs, Colorado; (xii) the August 6-9, 2016 NACDS 2016 Total Store Expo in Boston, Massachusetts; (xiii) the September 25-28, 2016 HDMA BLC in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia; and (xiv) the December 1, 2016 NACDS NYC Foundation Reception & Dinner.
- 151. As uncovered in the State AGs' ongoing investigation, at these various conferences and trade shows, representatives from Defendants, as well as other generic drug manufacturers, discussed their respective businesses and customers. These discussions would occur at social events, including lunches, cocktail parties, dinners, and golf outings, that usually accompanied these conferences and trade shows. Defendants' employees used these

opportunities to discuss and share upcoming bids, specific generic drug markets, pricing strategies, and pricing terms in their contracts with customers.<sup>61</sup>

152. In conjunction with meetings at conferences and trade shows, representatives of generic drug manufacturers get together separately, in more limited groups, allowing them to further meet face-to-face with their competitors and discuss their business. In fact, high-level executives of many generic drug manufacturers get together periodically for what at least some of them refer to as "industry dinners."

153. A large number of generic drug manufacturers, including Defendants Lannett, Par, and Teva, are headquartered or have major offices in close proximity to one another in New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania, giving them easier and more frequent opportunities to meet and collude. For example, in January 2014, shortly before the prices of a number of generic drugs, including Baclofen, were soaring, at least thirteen high-ranking male executives, including CEOs, Presidents, and Senior Vice Presidents of various generic drug manufacturers, met at a steakhouse in Bridgewater, New Jersey.

154. Generic drug manufacturer employees, including Teresa Coward of Teva, also get together regularly for what is referred to as a "Girls' Night Out" ("GNO"), or alternatively "Women in the Industry" meetings and dinners. During these GNOs, meetings and dinners, these employees meet with their competitors and discuss competitively sensitive information.

155. Through these various interactions, Defendants' employees are often acutely aware of their competition and, more importantly, each other's current and future business plans.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> See, e.g., State AG Complaint ¶¶ 50-52.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> *Id.* ¶¶ 53-60.

This familiarity and opportunity often leads to agreements among competitors to fix prices or to allocate a given market so as to avoid competing with one another on price.

156. Defendants also routinely communicate and share information with each other about bids and pricing strategy. This can include forwarding bid packages received from a customer (*e.g.*, a Request for Proposal or "RFP") to a competitor, either on their own initiative, at the request of a competitor, or by contacting a competitor to request that the competitor share that type of information.

157. Additionally, Defendants share information regarding the terms of their contracts with customers, including various terms relating to pricing, price protection, and rebates. Defendants use this information from their competitors to negotiate potentially better prices or terms with their customers, which could be to the ultimate detriment of consumers.

#### E. Defendants' Own Acknowledgments of Lack of Generic Drug Competition

158. At or around the time of Defendants' conspiratorial communications and Baclofen price hikes, Defendants bragged publicly about their ability to increase prices and realize profits on generics. Before the conspiracy began, during Lannett's third quarter 2013 earnings call on May 8, 2013, Lannett CEO Arthur Bedrosian noted the company's performance was reliant on price increases and signaled that price increases "will continue throughout fiscal 2014 . . . ." Bedrosian further signaled to Lannett's competitors: "So whenever people start acting responsibly and raise prices as opposed to the typical spiral down of generic drug prices, I'm grateful." He continued: "So I would expect that all the companies are not going to behave like they have in the past. And I suspect you're going to see more price increases in the generic marketplace . . . ."

159. On September 10, 2013, during a fourth quarter 2013 earnings call, Bedrosian announced Lannett's intention to increase prices, articulated his expectation that his competitors would follow suit, and offered a direct assurance to Lannett's competitors:

We believe that these prices are important. We need to try raising them. Sometimes, it doesn't stick and we have to go back and reduce our price, and other times it does. I am finding a climate out there has changed dramatically and I see more price increases coming from our competing—competitors than I've seen in the past. And we're going to continue to lead. We have more price increases planned for this year within our budget. And hopefully, our competitors follow suit.

(Emphasis added).

- 160. The very next quarter, Bedrosian noted Lannett's alignment with Par, explaining during Lannett's November 7, 2013 first quarter 2014 earnings call that "we see Par as one of our rational competitors in the marketplace. . . . [W]e're not troubled by their pricing in the marketplace. Not at all."
- again expressed confidence that Lannett would not have to engage in price competition generally in the generic drug market. He announced that Lannett and its competitors were "less concerned about grabbing market share. We're all interested in making a profit, not how many units we sell." On the same call, Lannett's CFO Martin P. Galvan signaled that these were just the "earlier days of the increase," which Bedrosian explained meant that the "price increases that are going on in the industry [are] going to stick for all the companies."
- 162. During the same call, Bedrosian confirmed the shared incentives among Lannett and its competitors:

So from my perspective, what we're seeing here is an opportunity to raise prices because everybody has accepted the fact that our costs are going up dramatically

and less concerned about grabbing market share. We're all interested in making a profit, not how many units we sell.

- 163. During Lannett's February 4, 2015 second quarter 2015 earnings call Bedrosian again confirmed there would be a moratorium on price competition. He stated: "I think you're going to find more capital pricing [in the generic marketplace], more—I'll say less competition, in a sense. You won't have price wars." (Emphasis added.) In his view, "I just don't see the prices eroding like they did in the past."
- 164. Lannett's expectation that its competitors would follow its Baclofen pricing (as opposed to profitably undercutting Lannett and gaining market share) strongly suggests an agreement not to compete on price. Defendants' subsequent conduct collectively raising prices and electing not to gain market share from each other further suggests the existence of an agreement.
- 165. Other Defendants expressed similar sentiments during their investor earnings calls.
- 166. On August 1, 2013, during Teva's second quarter 2013 earnings call, President and CEO of Teva Americas Generics Allan Oberman stated in an earnings call:

Then I will just marry that with the comments that we have made about our generic strategy earlier in the year that we are focused on creating shareholder value and not necessarily driving after volume share. I mentioned in the past, we have taken price increases in order to enhance value.

167. On February 6, 2014, during Teva's fourth quarter 2013 earnings call, Teva's President and CEO Eyal Desheh stated that "our U.S. generic business is definitely the most profitable part with gross margin of about 50%." Mr. Desheh went on to comment that the "U.S. generic business is highly profitable," and Mr. Oberman added that "at the gross profit levels that

Eyal was talking about, [the U.S. generics business] is a very valuable business to Teva and we see it continuing to be on a go-forward basis."

168. During a May 18, 2015 presentation by Endo International plc concerning its acquisition of Par, Endo noted that "consolidation and maturation of competitors have stabilized the pricing environment" for generic pharmaceuticals in the U.S.

169. On August 8, 2016, Par's President Paul Campanelli stated in response to a question about the generics environment: "And typically you want to just be very careful about trying to go after too much share. You just have got to take a balanced approach."

# F. Defendants' Concerted Efforts to Increase Prices for Generic Baclofen Yielded Supracompetitive Profits

170. Defendants' agreement to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix the price of Baclofen resulted in increased revenues and higher profits.

171. For example, Teva reported tremendous revenue growth from 2013 to 2015 from Baclofen alone. In 2013, Teva saw revenues of \$15-\$20 million monthly from the sale of Baclofen. But in 2014, when prices spiked, Teva's October single-month revenue from Baclofen topped *\$100 million*. Lannett's CFO similarly noted the importance of Baclofen in Lannett's third quarter 2015 earnings call, citing the drug as responsible for a quarter-over-quarter gain of nearly 50%, from \$7.9 million to \$11.4 million in revenue. The growth in overall Baclofen sales revenue across Defendants and market-wide from 2013 to 2015 was extraordinary:

2013	2014	2015	Total Sales	% Change
Sales	Sales	Sales		(2013-2015)
\$320m	\$1.12bn	\$1.85bn	\$3.29bn	478%

Source: Symphony Health

172. In 2015, the Defendants sold the following amounts of Baclofen in the United States, an astonishing shift from two years earlier: Teva—\$989,454,189.00; Qualitest—\$437,932,063.00; Upsher-Smith—\$345,575,950.00; Lannett—\$59,409,688.00.

### G. Factors Increasing the Market's Susceptibility to Collusion

173. Publicly available data on the generic Baclofen market in the United States demonstrate that it is susceptible to cartelization by Defendants. Factors that make a market susceptible to collusion include: (1) a high degree of industry concentration; (2) significant barriers to entry; (3) inelastic demand; (4) the lack of available substitutes for the goods involved; (5) a standardized product with a high degree of interchangeability between the products of cartel participants; and (6) inter-competitor contacts and communication.

#### 1. **Industry Concentration**

- 174. A high degree of concentration facilitates the operation of a cartel because it makes it easier to coordinate behavior among co-conspirators.
- 175. In the United States Baclofen market, at the time of the conspiracy, the Defendants named here accounted for the vast majority of sales of Baclofen, over of the market. This remained true throughout the Class Period.
- 176. While the market for Baclofen is sufficiently concentrated to facilitate collusion, the years of low and stable pricing in the market establish that the number of manufacturers in the market was sufficient to drive competition. Absent collusion, prices would have remained at competitive levels.
  - 177. No market exit by a Baclofen manufacturer can explain the price increases either.

- 178. Defendants have been able to maintain supracompetitive prices for Baclofen without significant loss of market share to non-conspirators. Thus, Defendants have oligopolistic market power in the market for Baclofen.
- 179. The magnitude of Defendants' price increases for Baclofen distinguishes them from non-collusive oligopolistic pricing. Non-collusive oligopolistic pricing would be expected to proceed incrementally, as manufacturers test the waters to see if competitors will follow a price increase. But here the increases are extreme jumping as much as 400-500% or more in a very short period. Such extreme pricing moves are not rational in the absence of advance knowledge that competitors will join the increase.

#### 2. **Barriers to Entry**

- 180. Supracompetitive pricing in a market normally attracts additional competitors who want to avail themselves of the high levels of profitability that are available. However, the presence of significant barriers to entry makes this more difficult and helps to facilitate the operation of a cartel.
- 181. There are significant capital, regulatory, and intellectual property barriers to entry in the generic Baclofen market that make such entry time-consuming and expensive.
- 182. Start-up costs and regulatory oversight represent substantial barriers to entry in the generic Baclofen market.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>63</sup> Louis Kaplow, *Competition Policy and Price Fixing* (2013) at p.262 (discussing why, in the absence of cost or supply shocks, oligopolists resist "sudden and sharp" price increases, and noting, among other things, that "oligopolists may increase prices in smaller steps because they do not fully trust each other"). *See also* Richard Posner, *Antitrust Law* (2d ed. 2001) at p.59 (discussing the various challenges faced by oligopolists when attempting to increase price and why rational economic behavior undermines the ability to effect large and parallel price increases).

183. In addition to the significant out-of-pocket costs required to bring a drug to market, the approval process for generic drugs takes significant time. As Kansas Senator Jerry Moran commented on September 21, 2016 during Congressional hearings on the FDA's role in the generic drug market, "there are more than 4,000 generic drug applications currently awaiting approval, and the median time it takes for the FDA to approve a generic is now 47 months or nearly four years." This significant delay for new market entrants effectively precludes new competition from eroding the supracompetitive prices imposed by the conspiracy.

184. Further confirming the high barriers to entry, no new generic drug manufacturer has entered the U.S. Baclofen market since 2009.

#### 3. **Demand Inelasticity**

185. Price elasticity of demand is defined as the measure of responsiveness in the quantity demanded for a product as a result of change in price of the same product. It is a measure of how demand for a product reacts to a change in price. The basic necessities of life—food, water, and shelter—are examples of goods that experience nearly perfectly inelastic demand at or near the minimums necessary to sustain life. In other words, a person on the verge of dying of thirst will pay almost anything for water.

186. In order for a cartel to profit from raising prices above competitive levels, demand for the product must be sufficiently inelastic such that any loss in sales will be more than offset by increases in revenue on those sales that are made. Otherwise, increased prices would result in declining sales, revenues, and profits as customers purchased substitute products or declined to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> Senator Moran, Statement (Sep. 21, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/092116-Chairman-Moran-Opening-Statement.pdf">http://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/092116-Chairman-Moran-Opening-Statement.pdf</a>.

buy altogether. Inelastic demand is a market characteristic that facilitates collusion, allowing producers to raise their prices without triggering customer substitution and lost sales revenue.

187. Demand for generic Baclofen is highly inelastic. Baclofen offers relief for MS patients and others who suffer from debilitating muscle spasms, allowing them to greatly improve their quality of life. Because the need for Baclofen is great among those who are suffering, and because the drug must be taken daily to keep symptoms at bay, patients have little choice but to purchase Baclofen at the price at which it is offered. When doctors prescribe generic Baclofen, patients view it as necessary to their well-being. This gives Defendants significant pricing power, as well as an incentive to collude.

188. Thus, generic Baclofen is an excellent candidate for cartelization because price increases will result in more revenue, rather than less, provided that most or all manufacturers participate.

#### 4. Lack of Substitutes

189. Baclofen has no viable substitutes. Although there are a handful of other centrally acting muscle relaxants, Baclofen is unique among them for (1) its desired effects, (2) its side effects, (3) its delivery vehicle, (4) its dosage sizes, (5) its utility with respect to contraindications and any comorbidities, and (6) its name recognition and familiarity throughout the medical community. This lack of viable substitutes for Baclofen is evidenced by data showing that during the Class Period, MS patients (and their prescribing physicians) and others did not switch from Baclofen to another centrally acting muscle relaxant despite significant price increases.

190. Unlike with many other generic drugs, the branded version of Baclofen—Lioresal—no longer exists in the United States after Novartis discontinued its manufacture and sale in or around 2001. In any event, branded versions of Baclofen could not serve as economic substitutes for generic Baclofen because branded products generally maintain substantial price premiums over even their supra-competitively priced generic counterparts, making them inapt substitutes even when generic prices soar.

191. Thus, purchasers of generic Baclofen were held captive to the supracompetitive prices that resulted from Defendants' conspiracy to fix prices, rig bids, and allocate markets and customers.

## 5. Standardized Product with High Degree of Interchangeability

192. A commodity-like product is one that is standardized across suppliers and allows for a high degree of substitutability among different suppliers in the market. When products offered by different suppliers are viewed as interchangeable by purchasers, it is easier for the suppliers to agree on prices for the goods in question and to monitor those prices effectively.

193. Generic drugs of the same chemical composition are effectively commodity products because the primary mechanism through which they compete is price. When approving an ANDA, the FDA confirms that a generic drug product is bioequivalent to the branded version of the drug. This allows pharmacists to substitute that generic for the branded counterpart, as well as for any other generic that also is bioequivalent to the branded product.

194. Defendants' generic Baclofen products are bioequivalent across manufacturers and bioequivalent to the now-extinct branded counterpart, which enables pharmacists to substitute them (any of them) widely.

195. Moreover, because generic Baclofen products are interchangeable, there is little utility in attempting to distinguish the products based on quality, branding, or service. Accordingly, manufacturers generally spend little effort advertising or detailing (the practice of providing promotional materials and free samples to physicians) their generic compounds. The primary means for one generic manufacturer to differentiate its product from another's is through price competition. The need to compete on price can drive producers of commodity products to conspire—as they did here—to fix prices.

## 6. **Inter-Competitor Contacts and Communications**

196. As discussed above, Defendants' representatives met at conferences convened by customers and trade associations of customers (such as the ECRM and NACDS), private industry dinners, and similar events. Moreover, Defendants are members of and/or participants of the GPhA; thus, their representatives have many opportunities to meet and conspire at industry meetings. As noted in press reports, "prosecutors are taking a close look at trade associations as part of their investigation as having been one potential avenue for facilitating the collusion between salespeople at different generic producers."

197. The State AG Complaint alleges that Defendants routinely coordinated their schemes through direct interaction with their competitors at industry trade shows, customer conferences, and other events. For example, Defendants Glazer and Malek admitted at their guilty plea hearings to engaging in discussions and attending meetings with competitors, during

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> See, e.g., GAO Report at 23 ("If another manufacturer offers a lower price to a customer, manufacturers we interviewed indicated that they are usually asked to match it or risk losing market share to the other manufacturer.").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> PaRR Report.

which they reached agreements to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix prices of Doxycycline Hyclate and Glyburide.

198. DOJ's and the Connecticut AG's investigations, and the grand jury subpoenas and investigative demands that have issued in conjunction with them, focus on inter-competitor communications. These types of communications are not unique or isolated, but are rampant; "[g]eneric drug manufacturers operate, through their respective senior leadership and marketing and sales executives, in a manner that fosters and promotes routine and direct interaction among their competitors." The sheer number of companies implicated in the investigations highlights the prevalence in the generic drug industry of the types of contacts and communications that facilitate collusion:

- (a) **Actavis**: In February 2016, Actavis's former parent, Allergan plc, disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena "seeking information relating to the marketing and pricing of certain of the Company's generic products and communications with competitors about such products."
- (b) **Aurobindo**: Aurobindo has disclosed receipt of a subpoena relating to DOJ's generic drug investigation.<sup>69</sup> The company stated that it "received a subpoena in Mar[ch] 2016 requesting non-product specific information."<sup>70</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> State AG Complaint ¶ 7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Allergan, SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Feb. 26, 2016), at F-106, *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1578845/000156459016013478/agn-10k">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1578845/000156459016013478/agn-10k</a> 20151231.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Zeba Siddiqui, *India's Aurobindo shares hit nine-month low on US price-fixing lawsuit*, Reuters (Dec 16, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.reuters.com/article/us-aurobindo-pharm-stocks-idUSKBN1450DV">http://www.reuters.com/article/us-aurobindo-pharm-stocks-idUSKBN1450DV</a>.

- (c) **Citron**: In December 2016, Aceto Corporation (which purchased Citron's generic drugs assets) disclosed that DOJ "executed a search warrant against the Company and also served a subpoena requesting documents and other information concerning potential antitrust violations in the sale of Glyburide, Glyburide/Metformin, and Fosinopril HCTZ products." The Connecticut AG requested that Citron produce all documents produced to DOJ.<sup>71</sup>
- (d) **Dr. Reddy's**: In November 2016, Dr. Reddy's disclosed that it received subpoenas from DOJ and the Connecticut AG "seeking information relating to the marketing, pricing and sale of certain . . . generic products and any communications with competitors about such products."<sup>72</sup>
- (e) **Heritage**: As a private company, Heritage is not required to make public disclosures. Nonetheless, in the wake of the criminal guilty pleas by two of its executives, Heritage confirmed that it is "fully cooperating" with DOJ,<sup>73</sup> and press reports indicate that Heritage has applied to DOJ's leniency program seeking amnesty for a cartel violation.<sup>74</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd., BSE Disclosure (Dec. 16, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachHis/3C8E03C7">http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachHis/3C8E03C7</a> A46F 4792 AED5 197E6961A77E 125855.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Aceto Corp., SEC Form 8-K, Ex. 99.5, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/2034/000157104916020771/t1600804\_ex99-5.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Dr. Reddy's, SEC Form 6-K (Nov. 10, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.drreddys.com/investors/reports-and-filings/sec-filings/?year=FY17">http://www.drreddys.com/investors/reports-and-filings/sec-filings/?year=FY17</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Tom Schoenberg, David McLaughlin & Sophia Pearson, *U.S. Generic Drug Probe Seen Expanding After Guilty Pleas*, Bloomberg (Dec. 14, 2016), *available at* <a href="https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-14/u-s-files-first-charges-in-generic-drug-price-fixing-probe">https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-14/u-s-files-first-charges-in-generic-drug-price-fixing-probe</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> *See supra* ¶26.

- (f) Impax: In July 2014, Impax disclosed that it received a subpoena from the Connecticut AG concerning sales of generic digoxin. In November 2014, Impax disclosed that an employee received a broader federal grand jury subpoena that requested testimony and documents about "any communication or correspondence with any competitor (or an employee of any competitor) in the sale of generic prescription medications. In February 2016, Impax disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena requesting "information and documents regarding the sales, marketing, and pricing of certain generic prescription medications. In particular...digoxin tablets, terbutaline sulfate tablets, prilocaine/lidocaine cream, and calcipotriene topical solution."
- the Connecticut AG relating to its investigation into the price-fixing of digoxin. On November 3, 2014, Lannett disclosed that a Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing was served with a grand jury subpoena "relating to a federal investigation of the generic pharmaceutical industry into possible violations of the Sherman Act." The subpoena also requested "corporate documents of the Company relating to communications or correspondence with competitors regarding the sale of generic prescription medications, but is not specifically directed to any particular product

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Impax SEC Form 8-K (July 15, 2014), *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774914012809/ipxl20140715\_8k.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774914012809/ipxl20140715\_8k.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Impax SEC Form 8-K (Nov. 6, 2014), *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000119312514402210/d816555d8k.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000119312514402210/d816555d8k.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> Impax, SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Feb. 22, 2016), at F-53, *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774916025780/ipx120151231\_10k.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1003642/000143774916025780/ipx120151231\_10k.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Lannett press release (July 16, 2014), *available at* <a href="http://lannett.investorroom.com/2014-07-16-Lannett-Receives-Inquiry-From-Connecticut-Attorney-General">http://lannett.investorroom.com/2014-07-16-Lannett-Receives-Inquiry-From-Connecticut-Attorney-General</a>.

and is not limited to any particular time period."<sup>79</sup> On August 27, 2015, Lannett further explained that DOJ sought, among other things, "communications or correspondence with competitors regarding the sale of generic prescription medications, and the marketing, sale, or pricing of certain products, generally for the period of 2005 through the dates of the subpoenas."<sup>80</sup>

- (h) Mayne: On August 25, 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited (the parent of Mayne) disclosed that it was "one of numerous generic pharmaceutical companies to receive a subpoena...seeking information relating to marketing, pricing and sales of select generic products" and that it had received a subpoena from the Connecticut AG seeking similar information. On November 4, 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited issued a press release stating: "Previously on 28 Jun[e] 2016, Mayne Pharma Group Limited disclosed that it was one of several generic companies to receive a subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) seeking information relating to the marketing, pricing and sales of select generic products. The investigation relating to Mayne Pharma is focused on doxycycline hyclate delayed-release tablets (generic) and potassium chloride powders."
- (i) **Mylan**: In February 2016, Mylan disclosed that it received a DOJ subpoena "seeking information relating to...generic Doxycycline" and a similar subpoena from the Connecticut AG seeking "information relating to...certain of the Company's generic

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Lannett, SEC Form 10-Q (Nov. 6, 2014) at 16, *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465914077456/a14-20842 110q.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Lannett, SEC Form 10-K (Aug. 27, 2015) at 18, available at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005">http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/57725/000110465915062047/a15-13005</a> 110k.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Mayne Pharma, 2016 Annual Report (Aug. 25, 2016), at 75, *available at* <a href="https://www.maynepharma.com/media/1788/2016-mayne-pharma-annual-report.pdf">https://www.maynepharma.com/media/1788/2016-mayne-pharma-annual-report.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> Mayne Pharma, Update on DOJ Investigation (Nov. 4, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://asxcomnewspdfs.fairfaxmedia.com.au/2016/11/04/01798874-137879061.pdf">http://asxcomnewspdfs.fairfaxmedia.com.au/2016/11/04/01798874-137879061.pdf</a>.

products (including Doxycycline) and communications with competitors about such products."<sup>83</sup> On November 9, 2016, Mylan disclosed that "certain employees and a member of senior management, received subpoenas from DOJ seeking additional information relating to the marketing, pricing and sale of our generic Cidofovir, Glipizide-metformin, Propranolol and Verapamil products" and that "[r]elated search warrants also were executed" in connection with DOJ's investigation.<sup>84</sup>

(j) Par: In March 2015, Par disclosed that it received subpoenas from the Connecticut AG and DOJ relating to digoxin and doxycycline. <sup>85</sup> In November 2015, Endo International plc, the parent company of Par, elaborated: "In December 2014, our subsidiary, Par, received a Subpoena to Testify Before Grand Jury from the Antitrust Division of DOJ and issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The subpoena requests documents and information focused primarily on product and pricing information relating to Par's authorized generic version of Lanoxin (digoxin) oral tablets and Par's generic doxycycline products, and on communications with competitors and others regarding those products. Par is

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> Mylan, SEC 2015 Form 10-K (Feb. 16, 2016), at 160, *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000046/myl10k\_20151231xdoc.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000046/myl10k\_20151231xdoc.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> Mylan SEC Form 10-Q, at 58 (Nov. 9, 2016), *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000071/myl10q\_20160930xdo">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1623613/000162361316000071/myl10q\_20160930xdo</a> c.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> Par Pharmaceuticals Companies, Inc., SEC 2014 Form 10-K (Mar. 12, 2015) at 37, *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/878088/000087808815000002/prx-20141231x10k.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/878088/000087808815000002/prx-20141231x10k.htm</a>.

currently cooperating fully with the investigation."<sup>86</sup> Endo also disclosed that in December 2015 it "received Interrogatories and Subpoena Duces Tecum from the State of Connecticut Office of Attorney General requesting information regarding pricing of certain of its generic products, including Doxycycline Hyclate, Amitriptyline Hydrochloride, Doxazosin Mesylate, Methotrexate Sodium and Oxybutynin Chloride."<sup>87</sup>

- (k) **Perrigo**: On May 2, 2017, Perrigo disclosed that "search warrants were executed at the Company's corporate offices associated with an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division related to drug pricing in the pharmaceutical industry."
- (l) **Pfizer:** On August 10, 2017, Pfizer disclosed: "As of July 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division is investigating our Greenstone generics business. We believe this is related to an ongoing antitrust investigation of the generic pharmaceutical industry. The government has been obtaining information from Greenstone."
- (m) **Sandoz**: In March 2016, Sandoz and Fougera Pharmaceuticals Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sandoz) "received a subpoena from the Antitrust Division of the US

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> Endo International plc, SEC Form 10-Q (March 31, 2016) at 30, *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1593034/000159303416000056/endp-3312016x10q.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1593034/000159303416000056/endp-3312016x10q.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> *Id.* at 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> Perrigo Press Release (May 2, 2017), *available at* <a href="http://perrigo.investorroom.com/2017-05-02-Perrigo-Discloses-Investigation.">http://perrigo.investorroom.com/2017-05-02-Perrigo-Discloses-Investigation.</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Pfizer, SEC Form 10-Q (Aug. 10, 2017) at 37, *available at* <a href="https://investors.pfizer.com/financials/sec-filings/sec-filings-details/default.aspx?FilingId=12225193">https://investors.pfizer.com/financials/sec-filings/sec-filings-details/default.aspx?FilingId=12225193</a>.

Department of Justice (DoJ) requesting documents related to the marketing and pricing of generic pharmaceutical products...and related communications with competitors."90

- (n) **Sun**: On May 27, 2016, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. (the parent of Sun) stated in a filing with the National Stock Exchange of India that one of its U.S subsidiaries, namely Sun, "received a grand jury subpoena from the United States Department of Justice, Antitrust Division seeking documents...relating to corporate and employee records, generic pharmaceutical products and pricing, communications with competitors and others regarding the sale of generic pharmaceutical products, and certain other related matters." <sup>91</sup>
- (o) **Taro**: In September 2016, Taro disclosed that the Company "and two senior officers" received DOJ subpoenas seeking documents relating to "generic pharmaceutical products and pricing, communications with competitors and others regarding the sale of generic pharmaceutical products, and certain other related matters."
- (p) **Teva**: In August 2016, Teva disclosed that it received subpoenas from DOJ and the Connecticut AG seeking documents and other information "relating to the marketing and pricing of certain of Teva USA's generic products and communications with competitors about such products."<sup>93</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Novartis 2016 Financial Report at 217, *available at* <a href="https://www.novartis.com/sites/www.novartis.com/files/ar-2016-financial-report-en.pdf">https://www.novartis.com/sites/www.novartis.com/files/ar-2016-financial-report-en.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>91</sup> Sun Pharmaceuticals Indus., Ltd., BSE Disclosure (May 27, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachHis/8E568708\_8D00\_472E\_B052\_666C76A4263D\_081648.pdf">http://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachHis/8E568708\_8D00\_472E\_B052\_666C76A4263D\_081648.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Taro, SEC Form 6-K (Sept. 9, 2016), *available at* https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/906338/000115752316006685/a51417528.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>93</sup> Teva, SEC Form 6-K at 25 (Aug. 4, 2016), *available at* <a href="https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/818686/000119312516671785/d187194d6k.htm">https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/818686/000119312516671785/d187194d6k.htm</a>.

(q) **Zydus**: Press reports have stated that Zydus is a target of DOJ's generic drugs price-fixing investigation. <sup>94</sup>

## X. THE STATUTES OF LIMITATIONS DO NOT BAR PLAINTIFFS' CLAIMS

- A. The Statutes of Limitations Did Not Begin to Run Because Plaintiffs Did Not and Could Not Discover Defendants' Unlawful Conspiracy
- 199. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the combination or conspiracy alleged herein, or of facts sufficient to place them on inquiry notice of the claims set forth herein, until (at the earliest) Defendants' disclosures of the existence of the government investigations and subpoenas. Prior to that time, no information in the public domain or available to Plaintiffs suggested that any Defendant was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Baclofen.
- 200. No information evidencing antitrust violations was available in the public domain prior to the public announcements of the government investigations that revealed sufficient information to suggest that any of the Defendants was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Baclofen.
- 201. Plaintiffs are purchasers who indirectly purchased generic Baclofen manufactured by one or more Defendants. They had no direct contact or interaction with any of the Defendants in this case and had no means from which they could have discovered Defendants' conspiracy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> See Rupali Mukherjeel, *US polls, pricing pressure may hit Indian pharma cos*, The Times of India (Nov. 8, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/indiabusiness/US-polls-pricing-pressure-may-hit-Indian-pharma-cos/articleshow/55301060.cms">http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/indiabusiness/US-polls-pricing-pressure-may-hit-Indian-pharma-cos/articleshow/55301060.cms</a>.

- 202. Defendants repeatedly and expressly stated throughout the Class Period, including on their public internet websites, that they maintained antitrust/fair competition policies that prohibited the type of collusion alleged in this Complaint. For example:
  - (a) Lannett's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics "promotes compliance with laws." 95
  - (b) Par's Code of Conduct provides: "It is Company policy to comply with the antitrust and competition laws of each country in which the Company does business." 96
  - (c) Teva's Code of Conduct provides: "We believe that customers and society as a whole benefit from fair, free and open markets. Therefore, we compete on the merits of our products and services and conduct business with integrity. We recognize that the potential harm to Teva's reputation and the penalties for breaching competition laws are severe, and can subject Teva, members of the Board of Directors and employees to severe civil fines and criminal penalties." Elsewhere, Teva's Code of Conduct explains: "We do not communicate with competitors about competitive business matters such as prices, costs, discounts, expansion plans, pipeline-related information, customers, suppliers, and any terms or conditions of sale that could create the appearance of improper agreements or understandings. We do not make agreements or reach understandings with our competitors regarding our products, customers, distributors or territories." distributors or territories."
  - (d) Upsher-Smith's Code of Conduct provides: "Upsher-Smith is committed to fair and open competition. Employees of Upsher-Smith are expected to conduct business in compliance with all applicable laws regulating

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> Lannett Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, *available at* <a href="http://www.lannett.com/docs/2013">http://www.lannett.com/docs/2013</a> Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Par Code of Ethics, available at <a href="http://corpdocs.msci.com/ethics/eth">http://corpdocs.msci.com/ethics/eth</a> 19100.pdf.

<sup>97</sup> Teva Code of Conduct, *available at*<a href="http://www.tevapharm.com/files/about/corporate\_governance/code\_of\_conduct/TEVA\_CodeOf\_Conduct\_FINAL\_111715%5B2%5D.pdf">http://www.tevapharm.com/files/about/corporate\_governance/code\_of\_conduct/TEVA\_CodeOf\_Conduct\_FINAL\_111715%5B2%5D.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>98</sup> *Id*.

competition and must not knowingly engage in any anti-competitive activity." 99

203. It was reasonable for members of the Classes to believe that Defendants were complying with their own antitrust policies.

204. For these reasons, the statutes of limitations as to Plaintiffs' claims under the federal and state common laws identified herein did not begin to run, and have been tolled with respect to the claims that Plaintiffs have alleged in this Complaint.

#### **B.** Fraudulent Concealment Tolled the Statutes of Limitations

205. In the alternative, application of the doctrine of fraudulent concealment tolled the statutes of limitations on the claims asserted by Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs had no knowledge of the combination or conspiracy alleged in this Complaint, or of facts sufficient to place them on inquiry notice of their claims, until Defendants disclosed the existence of government investigations and subpoenas. Prior to that time, no information in the public domain or available to Plaintiffs suggested that any Defendant was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Baclofen.

206. No information evidencing antitrust violations was available in the public domain prior to the public announcements of the government investigations that revealed sufficient information to suggest that any of the Defendants was involved in a criminal conspiracy to fix prices for generic Baclofen.

207. As described in more detail below, Defendants actively concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes concerning

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> Upsher-Smith Code of Conduct, *available at* <a href="http://www.upsher-smith.com/wp-content/uploads/USL">http://www.upsher-smith.com/wp-content/uploads/USL</a> CodeOfConduct.pdf.

Defendants' unlawful activities to artificially inflate prices for generic Baclofen. The concealed, suppressed, and omitted facts would have been important to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants misrepresented the real cause of price increases and/or the absence of price reductions in generic Baclofen. Defendants' false statements and conduct concerning the prices of generic Baclofen were deceptive as they had the tendency or capacity to mislead Plaintiffs and members of the Classes to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices established by a free and fair market.

## 1. Active Concealment of the Conspiracy

- 208. Defendants engaged in an illegal scheme to fix prices, allocate customers, and rig bids. Criminal and civil penalties for engaging in such conduct are severe. Not surprisingly, Defendants took affirmative measures to conceal their conspiratorial conduct.
- 209. Through their misleading, deceptive, false and fraudulent statements, Defendants effectively concealed their conspiracy, thereby causing economic harm to Plaintiffs and the Classes. Defendants' misrepresentations regarding their price changes were intended to lull Plaintiffs and the Classes into accepting the price hikes as a normal result of competitive and economic market trends rather than as the consequence of Defendants' collusive acts. The public statements made by Defendants were designed to mislead Plaintiffs and the Classes into paying unjustifiably higher prices for generic Baclofen.
- 210. As explained in the State AG complaint, the nature of the generic drug industry—which allows for frequent and repeated face-to-face meetings among competitors—means that "[m]ost of the conspiratorial communications were intentionally done in person or by cell phone,

in an attempt to avoid creating a record of their illegal conduct. The generic drug industry, through the aforementioned opportunities to collude at trade shows, customer events and smaller more intimate dinners and meetings, allowed these communications to perpetuate."<sup>100</sup>

- 211. The Defendants also gave pretextual reasons for price increases. For example, in earnings calls held in 2015 and 2016, Bedrosian of Lannett repeatedly denied that his company engaged in any wrongdoing. Moreover, Bedrosian defended his company's price hikes on generic drugs like Baclofen, calling them "consistent with industry norms." <sup>101</sup>
- 212. These types of false statements and others made by Defendants helped conceal the illegal conspiracy entered into by Defendants to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix, stabilize, maintain, and raise the price of generic Baclofen to inflated, supracompetitive levels.

## 2. Plaintiffs Exercised Reasonable Diligence

- 213. Defendants' anticompetitive conspiracy, by its very nature, was self-concealing. Generic drugs are not exempt from antitrust regulation, and thus, before the disclosure of the government investigations, Plaintiffs reasonably considered the markets to be competitive. Accordingly, a reasonable person under the circumstances would not have been alerted to investigate the legitimacy of Defendants' prices before these disclosures.
- 214. Because of the deceptive practices and techniques of secrecy employed by Defendants and their co-conspirators to conceal their illicit conduct, Plaintiffs and the Classes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> State AG Complaint ¶ 13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> Nathan Vardi, *Another Drug Company That Raises Prices Like Crazy*, FORBES (Oct. 6, 2016), *available at* <a href="http://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanvardi/2016/10/06/another-drug-company-that-raises-prices-like-crazy/2/#1c41cf0e77ef">http://www.forbes.com/sites/nathanvardi/2016/10/06/another-drug-company-that-raises-prices-like-crazy/2/#1c41cf0e77ef</a>.

could not have discovered the conspiracy at an earlier date by the exercise of reasonable diligence.

- 215. Therefore, the running of any statutes of limitations has been tolled for all claims alleged by Plaintiffs and the Classes as a result of Defendants' anticompetitive and unlawful conduct. Despite the exercise of reasonable diligence, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes were unaware of Defendants' unlawful conduct, and did not know that they were paying supracompetitive prices throughout the United States during the Class Period.
- 216. For these reasons, Plaintiffs' claims are timely under all of the federal, state and common laws identified herein.

## XI. <u>CONTINUING VIOLATIONS</u>

217. This Complaint alleges a continuing course of conduct (including conduct within the limitations periods), and Defendants' unlawful conduct has inflicted continuing and accumulating harm within the applicable statutes of limitations. Thus, Plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class can recover for damages that they suffered during any applicable limitations period.

## XII. DEFENDANTS' ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS

- 218. During the Class Period, set forth below, Defendants engaged in a continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy in restraint of trade to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix raise and/or stabilize prices for generic Baclofen sold in the United States.
- 219. In formulating and effectuating the contract, combination or conspiracy, Defendants identified above and their co-conspirators engaged in anticompetitive activities, the purpose and effect of which were to allocate customers, rig bids and artificially fix, raise,

maintain, and/or stabilize the price of generic Baclofen sold in the United States. These activities included the following:

- (a) Defendants participated in meetings and/or conversations regarding the price of generic Baclofen in the United States;
- (b) Defendants agreed during those meetings and conversations to charge prices at specified levels and otherwise to increase and/or maintain prices of generic Baclofen sold in the United States;
- (c) Defendants agreed during those meetings and conversations to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix the price of generic Baclofen; and
- (d) Defendants issued price announcements and price quotations in accordance with their agreements.
- 220. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in the activities described above for the purpose of effectuating the unlawful agreements described in this Complaint.
- 221. During and throughout the period of the conspiracy alleged in this Complaint, Plaintiffs and members of the Classes indirectly purchased generic Baclofen at inflated and supracompetitive prices.
- 222. Defendants' contract, combination and conspiracy constitutes an unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce in violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. §§ 1, 3) and the laws of various End-Payer Damages Jurisdictions enumerated below.
- 223. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes have been injured in their business and property in that they have paid more for generic Baclofen than they would have paid in a competitive market.

- 224. General economic principles recognize that any overcharge at a higher level of distribution generally results in higher prices at every level below. Moreover, the institutional structure of pricing and regulation in the pharmaceutical drug industry assures that overcharges at the higher level of distribution are passed on to end-payers such as Plaintiffs. Wholesalers and retailers passed on the inflated prices to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes. The impairment of generic competition at the direct purchaser level similarly injured Plaintiffs who were equally denied the opportunity to purchase less expensive generic versions of Baclofen.
- 225. The unlawful contract, combination and conspiracy has had the following effects, among others:
- (a) price competition in the market for generic Baclofen has been artificially restrained;
- (b) prices for generic Baclofen sold by Defendants have been raised, fixed, maintained, or stabilized at artificially high and non-competitive levels; and
- (c) end-payer purchasers of generic Baclofen sold by Defendants have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition in the market for generic Baclofen.

## XIII. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

226. Plaintiffs bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, seeking equitable and injunctive relief on behalf of the following class (the "Nationwide Class"):

All persons and entities in the United States and its territories who indirectly purchased, paid and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price for Defendants' generic Baclofen (10 or 20 mg tablets), other than for resale, from February 1, 2014 through the present.

This class excludes: (a) Defendants, their officers, directors, management, employees, subsidiaries, and affiliates; (b) all federal and state governmental entities except for cities, towns, municipalities, or counties with self-funded prescription drug plans; (c) all persons or entities who purchased Defendants' generic Baclofen products for purposes of resale or directly from Defendants; (d) fully insured health plans (*i.e.*, health plans that purchased insurance covering 100% of their reimbursement obligation to members); (e) any "flat co-pay" consumers whose purchases of Defendants' generic Baclofen products were paid in part by a third party payer and whose co-payment was the same regardless of the retail purchase price; (f) pharmacy benefit managers; and (g) any judges or justices involved in this action and any members of their immediate families.

227. Plaintiffs also bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action under Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure seeking damages pursuant to the common law of unjust enrichment and the state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws of the states and territories listed below (the "End-Payer Damages Jurisdictions")<sup>102</sup> on behalf of the following class (the "Damages Class"):

All persons and entities in the End-Payer Damages Jurisdictions who indirectly purchased, paid and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price for Defendants' generic Baclofen (10 or 20 mg tablets), other than for resale, from February 1, 2014 through the present.

This class excludes: (a) Defendants, their officers, directors, management, employees, subsidiaries, and affiliates; (b) all federal and state governmental entities except for cities, towns, municipalities, or counties with self-funded prescription drug plans; (c) all persons or entities who purchased Defendants' generic Baclofen products for purposes of resale or directly from Defendants; (d) fully insured health plans (i.e., health plans that purchased insurance covering 100% of their reimbursement obligation to members); (e) any "flat co-pay" consumers whose

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>102</sup> The "End-Payer Damages Jurisdictions" include all States (except Indiana and Ohio), as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

purchases of Defendants' generic Baclofen products were paid in part by a third party payer and whose co-payment was the same regardless of the retail purchase price; (f) pharmacy benefit managers; and (g) any judges or justices involved in this action and any members of their immediate families.

- 228. The Nationwide Class and the Damages Class are referred to herein as the "Classes."
- 229. While Plaintiffs do not know the exact number of the members of the Classes, Plaintiffs believe there are thousands of members in each Class.
- 230. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Classes. This is particularly true given the nature of Defendants' conspiracy, which was generally applicable to all the members of both Classes, thereby making appropriate relief with respect to the Classes as a whole. Such questions of law and fact common to the Classes include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Whether Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a combination and conspiracy among themselves to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of generic Baclofen and/or engaged in market allocation for generic Baclofen sold in the United States;
  - (b) The identity of the participants of the alleged conspiracy;
- (c) The duration of the alleged conspiracy and the acts carried out by Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of the conspiracy;
- (d) Whether the alleged conspiracy violated the Sherman Act, as alleged in the First Count;
- (e) Whether the alleged conspiracy violated state antitrust and unfair competition laws, and/or state consumer protection laws, as alleged in the Second and Third Counts:

- (f) Whether Defendants unjustly enriched themselves to the detriment of the Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes, thereby entitling Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes to disgorgement of all benefits derived by Defendants, as alleged in the Fourth Count;
- (g) Whether the conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators, as alleged in this Complaint, caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;
- (h) The effect of the alleged conspiracy on the prices of generic Baclofen sold in the United States during the Class Period;
- (i) Whether the Defendants and their co-conspirators actively concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes concerning Defendants' unlawful activities to artificially inflate prices for generic Baclofen, and/or fraudulently concealed the unlawful conspiracy's existence from Plaintiffs and the other members of the Classes;
- (j) The appropriate injunctive and related equitable relief for the Nationwide Class; and
  - (k) The appropriate class-wide measure of damages for the Damages Class.
- 231. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Classes. Plaintiffs and all members of the Classes are similarly affected by Defendants' wrongful conduct in that they paid artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen purchased indirectly from Defendants and/or their co-conspirators. Plaintiffs' claims arise out of the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the other members of the Classes.

232. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes. Plaintiffs' interests are coincident with, and not antagonistic to, those of the other members of the Classes. Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are competent and experienced in the prosecution of antitrust and class action litigation.

233. The questions of law and fact common to the members of the Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and factual issues relating to liability and damages.

234. Class action treatment is a superior method for the fair and efficient adjudication of the controversy, in that, among other things, such treatment will permit a large number of similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum simultaneously, efficiently and without the unnecessary duplication of evidence, effort and expense that numerous individual actions would engender. The benefits of proceeding through the class mechanism, including providing injured persons or entities with a method for obtaining redress for claims that might not be practicable to pursue individually, substantially outweigh any difficulties that may arise in management of this class action.

235. The prosecution of separate actions by individual members of the Classes would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants.

## XIV. CAUSES OF ACTION

## FIRST COUNT

## Violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class)

- 236. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 237. Defendants and their unnamed co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a contract, combination, or conspiracy in unreasonable restraint of trade in violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1, 3).
- 238. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into a continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy in restraint of trade to artificially allocate customers, rig bids and raise, maintain, and fix prices for generic Baclofen, thereby creating anticompetitive effects.
- 239. The conspiratorial acts and combinations have caused unreasonable restraints in the market for generic Baclofen.
- 240. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and other similarly situated End-Payers in the Nationwide Class who purchased generic Baclofen have been harmed by being forced to pay inflated, supracompetitive prices for generic Baclofen.
- 241. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding, and conspiracy, Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, but not limited to, the acts, practices and course of conduct set forth herein.
  - 242. Defendants' conspiracy had the following effects, among others:

- (a) Price competition in the market for generic Baclofen has been restrained, suppressed, and/or eliminated in the United States;
- (b) Prices for generic Baclofen provided by Defendants and their coconspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high, noncompetitive levels throughout the United States; and
- (c) Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class who purchased generic Baclofen indirectly from Defendants and their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefits of free and open competition.
- 243. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and property by paying more for generic Baclofen purchased indirectly from Defendants and the co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the conspiracy.
- 244. Defendants' contract, combination, or conspiracy is a *per se* violation of the federal antitrust laws.
- 245. Plaintiffs and members of the Nationwide Class are entitled to an injunction against Defendants, preventing and restraining the continuing violations alleged herein.

#### SECOND COUNT

# Violation of State Antitrust Statutes<sup>103</sup> (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)

- 246. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 247. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in a continuing contract, combination or conspiracy with respect to the sale of generic Baclofen in unreasonable restraint of trade and commerce and in violation of the various state antitrust and other statutes set forth below.
- 248. The contract, combination, or conspiracy consisted of an agreement among Defendants and their co-conspirators to fix, raise, inflate, stabilize, and/or maintain the prices of generic Baclofen and to allocate customers for generic Baclofen in the United States.
- 249. In formulating and effectuating this conspiracy, Defendants and their coconspirators performed acts in furtherance of the combination and conspiracy, including: (a)
  participating in meetings and conversations among themselves in the United States and
  elsewhere during which they agreed to price generic Baclofen at certain levels, and otherwise to
  fix, increase, inflate, maintain, or stabilize effective prices paid by Plaintiffs and members of the
  Damages Class with respect to generic Baclofen provided in the United States; and (b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>103</sup> Statutory antitrust violations are alleged herein for the following jurisdictions: Arizona, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

participating in meetings and trade association conversations among themselves in the United States and elsewhere to implement, adhere to, and police the unlawful agreements they reached.

- 250. Defendants and their co-conspirators engaged in the actions described above for the purpose of carrying out their unlawful agreement to allocate customers, rig bids, and fix prices for generic Baclofen.
- 251. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful and constitute violations or flagrant violations of the following state antitrust statutes.

## 252. [INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]

#### Arizona

253. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Arizona Revised Statutes, § 44-1401, et seq. Defendants' combination and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Baclofen was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Arizona; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Arizona; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Arizona commerce. Defendants' violations of Arizona law were flagrant. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Ariz. Rev.

Stat. § 44-1401, *et seq*. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1401, *et seq*.

#### California

Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 16700 et seq. During the Class Period, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into and engaged in a continuing unlawful trust in restraint of the trade and commerce described above in violation of California Business and Professions Code §16720. Defendants, and each of them, have acted in violation of § 16720 to fix, raise, stabilize, and maintain prices of generic Baclofen at supracompetitive levels. The aforesaid violations of § 16720 consisted, without limitation, of a continuing unlawful trust and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain, and stabilize the prices of generic Baclofen. For the purpose of forming and effectuating the unlawful trust, Defendants and their co-conspirators have done those things which they combined and conspired to do, including, but not limited to, the acts, practices and course of conduct set forth above and creating a price floor, fixing, raising, and stabilizing the price of generic Baclofen. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had, inter alia, the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Baclofen has been restrained, suppressed, and/or eliminated in the State of California; (2) prices for generic Baclofen provided by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, stabilized, and pegged at artificially high, non-competitive levels in the State of California; and (3) those who purchased generic Baclofen indirectly from Defendants and their co-conspirators have been deprived of the benefit of free and open competition. As a direct and proximate result of

Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property in that they paid more for generic Baclofen than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful conduct. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected California commerce. As a result of Defendants' violation of § 16720, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek treble damages and their cost of suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee, pursuant to California Business and Professions Code § 16750(a).

#### Connecticut

254(a). Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Connecticut Antitrust Act, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-35, et seq. Defendants' combinations and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) price competition for generic Baclofen was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Connecticut; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Connecticut; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Connecticut commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 35-35, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Connecticut law.

#### **District of Columbia**

Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Annotated § 28-4501, et seq. Defendants' combination and conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the District of Columbia; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the District of Columbia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class, including those who resided in the District of Columbia and/or purchased generic Baclofen in the District of Columbia that were shipped by Defendants or their co-conspirators into the District of Columbia, were deprived of free and open competition, including in the District of Columbia; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class, including those who resided in the District of Columbia and/or purchased generic Baclofen in the District of Columbia that were shipped by Defendants or their coconspirators, paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen, including in the District of Columbia. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected District of Columbia commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Ann. § 28-4501, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under District of Columbia Code Ann. § 28-4501, et seq.

#### Hawaii

256. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated § 480-1, et seq. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Hawaii; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated § 480-4, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated § 480-4, et seq.

#### Illinois

257. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Illinois Antitrust Act (740 Illinois Compiled Statutes 10/1, et seq.) Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Illinois; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Illinois; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and

(4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Illinois commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under the Illinois Antitrust Act.

#### Iowa

258. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Iowa; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Iowa; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Iowa commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code § 553.1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Iowa Code § 553, et seq.

#### Kansas

259 Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Statutes Annotated, § 50-101, et seq. Defendants' combined capital, skills or acts for the purposes of creating restrictions in trade or commerce of generic Baclofen, increasing the prices of generic Baclofen, preventing competition in the sale of generic Baclofen, or binding themselves not to sell generic Baclofen, in a manner that established the price of generic Baclofen and precluded free and unrestricted competition among themselves in the sale of generic Baclofen, in violation of Kan. Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Kansas; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Kansas; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Kansas commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all forms of relief available under Kansas Stat. Ann. § 50-101, et seq.

#### Maine

260. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Revised Statutes (Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq.) Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Maine; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Maine; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Maine commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, § 1101, et seq.

## Maryland

260(a). Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Maryland Antitrust Act, Maryland Code, Com. Law § 11-204, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Maryland; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Maryland; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open

competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Maryland commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Maryland Antitrust Act. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Maryland law.

## Michigan

261. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated § 445.771, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Michigan; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Michigan commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.771, et seq.

Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.771, et seq.

#### Minnesota

262. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Minnesota Annotated Statutes § 325D.49, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Minnesota; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Minnesota commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Minnesota Stat. § 325D.49, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Minnesota Stat. § 325D.49, et seq.

## Mississippi

263. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Annotated § 75-21-1, *et seq*. Trusts are combinations, contracts, understandings or agreements, express or implied when inimical to the public welfare and with the effect of, *inter alia*, restraining trade, increasing the price or output of a commodity, or

hindering competition in the production and sale of a commodity. Miss. Code Ann. § 75-21-1. Defendants' combination or conspiracy was in a manner inimical to public welfare and had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Mississippi; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Mississippi; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Mississippi commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Mississippi Code Ann. § 75-21-1, et seq.

#### Nebraska

264. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, *et seq.* Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen.

During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nebraska commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, *et seq.* Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Nebraska Revised Statutes § 59-801, *et seq.* 

#### Nevada

265. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes Annotated § 598A.010, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nevada commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.010, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598A.010, et seq.

## **New Hampshire**

266. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Hampshire; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Hampshire; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Hampshire commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New Hampshire Revised Statutes § 356:1, et seq.

#### New Mexico

267. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Statutes Annotated § 57-1-1, *et seq*. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4)

Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New Mexico Stat. Ann. § 57-1-1, et seq.

#### **New York**

268. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of New York's Donnelly Act, New York General Business Law § 340, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New York; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New York; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen that were higher than they would have been absent Defendants' illegal acts. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the New York's

Donnelly Act, New York General Business Law § 340, *et seq*. The conduct set forth above is a *per se* violation of the Act. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under New York Gen. Bus. Law § 340, *et seq*.

#### **North Carolina**

269. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the North Carolina General Statutes § 75-1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1, et. seq.

#### North Dakota

270. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Century Code § 51-08.1-01, *et seq*. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained,

suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Dakota; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on North Dakota commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under North Dakota Cent. Code § 51-08.1-01, et seq.

## Oregon

271. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, *et seq*. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Oregon; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Oregon; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Oregon commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are

threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, *et seq*. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Oregon Revised Statutes § 646.705, *et seq*.

#### **Rhode Island**

272. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Rhode Island Antitrust Act, Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Rhode Island; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Rhode Island; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Rhode Island commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property on or after July 15, 2013, and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Rhode Island General Laws § 6-36-1, et seq.

#### **South Dakota**

273. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws § 37-1-3.1, et seq. Defendants' combination or

conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Dakota; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on South Dakota commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. § 37-1-3.1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. § 37-1-3.1, et seq.

## **Tennessee**

274. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated § 47-25-101, *et seq*. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Tennessee; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Tennessee; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Tennessee commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct,

Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Ann. § 47-25-101, *et seq*. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Tennessee Code Ann. § 47-25-101, *et seq*.

### Utah

275. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Utah; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Utah; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Utah commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Utah Code Annotated § 76-10-3101, et seq.

#### Vermont

276. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Vermont; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Vermont commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 § 2453, et seq.

## West Virginia

277. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, *et seq*. Defendants' anticompetitive acts described above were knowing, willful, and constitute violations or flagrant violations of West Virginia Antitrust Act. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels

throughout West Virginia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on West Virginia commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under West Virginia Code § 47-18-1, et seq.

#### Wisconsin

278. Defendants have entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Wisconsin Statutes § 133.01, *et seq.* Defendants' and their co-conspirators' anticompetitive activities have directly, foreseeably and proximately caused injury to Plaintiffs and members of the Classes in the United States. Specifically, Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Wisconsin; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on the people of Wisconsin and Wisconsin commerce. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their

business and property and are threatened with further injury. By reason of the foregoing,

Defendants have entered into an agreement in restraint of trade in violation of Wisconsin Stat. §

133.01, et seq. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief

available under Wisconsin Stat. § 133.01, et seq.

**As to All Jurisdictions Above** 

279. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class in each of the above jurisdictions

have been injured in their business and property by reason of Defendants' unlawful combination,

contract, conspiracy and agreement. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have paid

more for generic Baclofen than they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants'

unlawful conduct. This injury is of the type the antitrust laws of the above states were designed

to prevent and flows from that which makes Defendants' conduct unlawful.

280. In addition, Defendants have profited significantly from the aforesaid conspiracy.

Defendants' profits derived from their anticompetitive conduct come at the expense and

detriment of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class.

281. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class in each of the above

jurisdictions seek damages (including statutory damages where applicable), to be trebled or

otherwise increased as permitted by a particular jurisdiction's antitrust law, and costs of suit,

including reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent permitted by the above state laws.

## THIRD COUNT

## Violation of State Consumer Protection Statutes<sup>104</sup> (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)

- 282. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 283. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition statutes listed below.

## Alaska

284. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Alaska Statute § 45.50.471, et seq. Defendants knowingly agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Alaska and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted "unconscionable" and "deceptive" acts or practices in violation of Alaska law. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Alaska; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>104</sup> Statutory consumer protection violations are alleged herein for the following jurisdictions: Alaska, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

throughout Alaska; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Alaska commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Alaska Stat. § 45.50.471, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### Arkansas

285. Defendants have knowingly entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade in violation of the Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-101, et seq. Defendants knowingly agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Arkansas and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted "unconscionable" and "deceptive" acts or practices in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-107(a)(10). Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Arkansas; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Arkansas; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the

the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Arkansas commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated, § 4-88-107(a)(10) and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

### California

286. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of California Business and Professions Code § 17200, et seq. During the Class Period, Defendants manufactured, marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in California, and committed and continue to commit acts of unfair competition, as defined by § 17200, et seq. of the California Business and Professions Code, by engaging in the acts and practices specified above. This claim is instituted pursuant to §§ 17203 and 17204 of the California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated § 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code, commonly known as the Unfair Competition Law. Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated § 17200. The acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common, continuous, and continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair, unlawful, and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning of California Business and Professions Code §17200, et

seq., including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; (2) the violations of § 16720, et seq. of the California Business and Professions Code, set forth above. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices, and non-disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of § 16720, et seq. of the California Business and Professions Code, and whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair, unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent; (3) Defendants' acts or practices are unfair to purchasers of generic Baclofen in the State of California within the meaning of § 17200, California Business and Professions Code; and (4) Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive within the meaning of Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected California commerce and consumers. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class to pay supracompetitive and artificially-inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair competition. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates § 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair competition. Plaintiffs and members of the

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Damages Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, §§17203 and 17204.

#### Colorado

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or 287. deceptive acts or practices in violation of Colorado Consumer Protection Act, Colorado Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, et seq. Defendants engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practices during the course of their business dealings, which significantly impacted Plaintiffs as actual or potential consumers of the Defendants' goods and which caused Plaintiffs to suffer injury. Defendants took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Colorado; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Colorado; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Colorado commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Colorado Rev. Stat. § 6-1-101, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

#### **Delaware**

288 Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Delaware Consumer Fraud Act, 6 Del. Code § 2511, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Delaware, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Delaware. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Delaware; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Delaware; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Delaware commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting

reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of 6 Del. Code § 2511, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### **District of Columbia**

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or 289. deceptive acts or practices in violation of District of Columbia Code § 28-3901, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed or obtained in the District of Columbia. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected District of Columbia commerce and consumers. The foregoing conduct constitutes "unlawful trade practices," within the meaning of D.C. Code § 28-3904. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were not aware of Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy and were therefore unaware that they were being unfairly and illegally overcharged. Defendants had the sole power to set that price and Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class had no power to negotiate a lower price. Moreover, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class lacked any meaningful choice in purchasing generic Baclofen because they were unaware of the unlawful overcharge, and there was no alternative source of supply through which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class could avoid the overcharges. Defendants' conduct with regard to sales of generic Baclofen, including their illegal conspiracy to secretly fix the price of generic Baclofen at supracompetitive levels and overcharge consumers, was substantively unconscionable because it was one-sided and unfairly

benefited Defendants at the expense of Plaintiffs and the public. Defendants took grossly unfair advantage of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The suppression of competition that has resulted from Defendants' conspiracy has ultimately resulted in unconscionably higher prices for purchasers so that there was a gross disparity between the price paid and the value received for generic Baclofen. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout the District of Columbia; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the District of Columbia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of District of Columbia Code § 28-3901, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### Florida

290. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act, Fla. Stat. § 501.201, *et seq.* Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Florida; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Florida; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and

open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Florida commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Florida Stat. § 501.201, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## Georgia

291. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Georgia Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Georgia Code § 10-1-370, et seq. and the Georgia Fair Businesses Practices Act, Georgia Code Ann. § 10-1-390, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Georgia, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Georgia. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Georgia; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Georgia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the

Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Georgia commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above and are threatened with further injury. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of Georgia law, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

#### Hawaii

292. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Hawaii Revised Statutes Annotated § 480-1, et seq. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Hawaii; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated

prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-1 *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

### Massachusetts

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unlawful, unfair, 293 unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Massachusetts Gen. Laws, Ch 93A, § 1, et seq. Defendants were engaged in trade or commerce as defined by G.L. 93A. Defendants, in a market that includes Massachusetts, agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Massachusetts and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted "unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce," in violation of Massachusetts Gen. Laws, Ch 93A, § 2, 11. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Massachusetts; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Massachusetts; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive,

artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Massachusetts commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Massachusetts Gen. Laws, Ch 93A, § 2, 11, that were knowing or willful, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute, including multiple damages.

## Michigan

294. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Michigan Consumer Protection Statute, Mich. Compiled Laws § 445.903, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Michigan, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Michigan. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Michigan; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the

the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Michigan commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of Mich. Compiled Laws § 445.903, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## Minnesota

295. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Minnesota Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Minn. Stat. § 325D.43, *et seq.* Defendants engaged in an unfair and deceptive trade practices during the course of their business dealings, which significantly impacted Plaintiffs as actual or potential consumers of the Defendants' goods and which caused Plaintiffs to suffer injury. Defendants took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Minnesota; (3) Plaintiffs and

members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Minnesota commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Minn. Stat. § 325D.43, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

#### Missouri

296. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.010, et seq. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class purchased generic Baclofen for personal or family purposes. Defendants engaged in the conduct described herein in connection with the sale of generic Baclofen in trade or commerce in a market that includes Missouri. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact affect, fix, control, and/or maintain, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Missouri, which conduct constituted unfair practices in that it was unlawful under federal and state law, violated public policy, was unethical, oppressive and unscrupulous, and caused substantial injury to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants concealed, suppressed, and omitted to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. The concealed, suppressed, and omitted facts would have been important to Plaintiffs

and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants misrepresented the real cause of price increases and/or the absence of price reductions in generic Baclofen by making public statements that were not in accord with the facts. Defendants' statements and conduct concerning the price of generic Baclofen were deceptive as they had the tendency or capacity to mislead Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices established by a free and fair market. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Missouri; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Missouri; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. The foregoing acts and practices substantially affected Missouri commerce and consumers and constituted unlawful practices in violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act. As a direct and proximate result of the above-described unlawful practices, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered ascertainable loss of money or property. Accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under Missouri's Merchandising Practices Act, specifically Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.020, which prohibits "[t]he act, use or employment by any person of any deception, fraud, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation, unfair practice or the concealment, suppression, or omission of any material fact in connection with the sale or advertisement of any merchandise in trade or commerce...", as further interpreted by the Missouri Code of State Regulations, 15 CSR

60-7.010, et seq., 15 CSR 60-8.010, et seq., and 15 CSR 60-9.010, et seq., and Mo. Rev. Stat. § 407.025.

#### Montana

297 Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Montana Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Act of 1970, Mont. Code, § 30-14-103, et seq., and § 30-14-201, et seq. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Montana; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Montana; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in Montana, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Montana commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Mont. Code, § 30-14-103, et seq., and § 30-14-201, et. seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### Nebraska

298. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Nebraska Consumer Protection Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, *et seq.* Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen

price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in Nebraska, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nebraska commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## Nevada

299. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Nevada Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in Nevada, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and noncompetitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Nevada. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct

had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Nevada commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of Nev. Rev. Stat. § 598.0903, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## **New Hampshire**

300. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Hampshire Consumer Protection Act, N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, *et seq*. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Hampshire; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at

artificially high levels throughout New Hampshire; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in New Hampshire, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Hampshire commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## **New Jersey**

301. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J. Statutes § 56:8-1, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in New Jersey, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in New Jersey. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Jersey; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained,

and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Jersey; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on New Jersey commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of N.J. Statutes § 56:8-1, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### **New Mexico**

302. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1, *et seq*. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining at non-competitive and artificially inflated levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The aforementioned conduct on the part of Defendants constituted "unconscionable trade practices," in violation of New Mexico

Stat. § 57-12-3, in that such conduct, *inter alia*, resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class and the prices paid by them for generic Baclofen as set forth in New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-2E. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were not aware of Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy and were therefore unaware that they were being unfairly and illegally overcharged. Defendants had the sole power to set that price, and Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class had no power to negotiate a lower price. Moreover, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class lacked any meaningful choice in purchasing generic Baclofen because they were unaware of the unlawful overcharge, and there was no alternative source of supply through which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class could avoid the overcharges. Defendants' conduct with regard to sales of generic Baclofen, including their illegal conspiracy to secretly fix the price of generic Baclofen at supracompetitive levels and overcharge consumers, was substantively unconscionable because it was one-sided and unfairly benefited Defendants at the expense of Plaintiffs and the public. Defendants took grossly unfair advantage of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. The suppression of competition that has resulted from Defendants' conspiracy has ultimately resulted in unconscionably higher prices for consumers so that there was a gross disparity between the price paid and the value received for generic Baclofen. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen.

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During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

### **New York**

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed or obtained in New York and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants and their co-conspirators made public statements about the prices of generic Baclofen that either omitted material information that rendered the statements that they made materially misleading or affirmatively misrepresented the real cause of price increases for generic Baclofen; and Defendants alone possessed material information that was relevant to consumers, but failed to provide the information. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New York, New York class members who indirectly purchased generic Baclofen were misled to believe that they were paying a fair price for generic Baclofen or the price increases for generic Baclofen were for valid business reasons; and similarly situated consumers were affected by Defendants' conspiracy. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to pricing generic Baclofen would have an impact on

New York consumers and not just Defendants' direct customers. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to pricing generic Baclofen would have a broad impact, causing consumer class members who indirectly purchased generic Baclofen to be injured by paying more for generic Baclofen than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices. The conduct of Defendants described herein constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of consumers in New York State in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New York; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New York; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in New York, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce and consumers. During the Class Period, each of Defendants named herein, directly, or indirectly and through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed generic Baclofen in New York. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available pursuant to N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349(h).

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### **North Carolina**

304 Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed or obtained in North Carolina and took efforts to conceal their agreements from Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class. Defendants' price-fixing conspiracy could not have succeeded absent deceptive conduct by Defendants to cover up their illegal acts. Secrecy was integral to the formation, implementation and maintenance of Defendants' pricefixing conspiracy. Defendants committed inherently deceptive and self-concealing actions, of which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class could not possibly have been aware. Defendants and their co-conspirators publicly provided pretextual and false justifications regarding their price increases. Defendants' public statements concerning the price of generic Baclofen created the illusion of competitive pricing controlled by market forces rather than supracompetitive pricing driven by Defendants' illegal conspiracy. Moreover, Defendants deceptively concealed their unlawful activities by mutually agreeing not to divulge the existence of the conspiracy to outsiders. The conduct of Defendants described herein constitutes consumeroriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina law, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North

Carolina; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants marketed, sold, or distributed generic Baclofen in North Carolina, and Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce and consumers. During the Class Period, each of Defendants named herein, directly, or indirectly and through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed generic Baclofen in North Carolina. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek actual damages for their injuries caused by these violations in an amount to be determined at trial and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## North Dakota

305. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the North Dakota Unlawful Sales or Advertising Practices Statute, N.D. Century Code § 51-15-01, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in North Dakota, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in North Dakota. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers

during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Dakota; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on North Dakota commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitute violations of N.D. Century Code § 51-15-01, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### **Rhode Island**

306. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Rhode Island Unfair Trade Practice and Consumer Protection Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 6-13.1-1, *et seq*. Members of the Damages Class purchased

generic Baclofen for personal, family, or household purposes. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Rhode Island, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Rhode Island. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants owed a duty to disclose such facts, and considering the relative lack of sophistication of the average, non-business purchaser, Defendants breached that duty by their silence. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Rhode Island; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Rhode Island; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Rhode Island commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to

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believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Rhode Island Gen. Laws. § 6-13.1-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

### **South Carolina**

307. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, et seq. Defendants' combination or conspiracy had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Carolina; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Carolina; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on South Carolina commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.C. Code Ann. § 39-5-10, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### **South Dakota**

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or 308 deceptive acts or practices in violation of the South Dakota Deceptive Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Statute, S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in South Dakota, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in South Dakota. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout South Dakota; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected South Dakota commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic

Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### Utah

309. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Utah Consumer Sales Practices Act, Ut. Stat. § 13-11-1, et seq. Members of the Damages Class purchased generic Baclofen for personal, family, or household purposes. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Utah, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Utah. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants owed a duty to disclose such facts, and considering the relative lack of sophistication of the average, non-business purchaser, Defendants breached that duty by their silence. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Utah; (2) generic Baclofen prices were

raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Utah; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Utah commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above and are threatened with further injury. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ut. Stat. § 13-11-1 et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

#### Vermont

310. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 9 Vermont Statutes § 2451, *et seq*. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Vermont, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the

prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Vermont. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants owed a duty to disclose such facts, and considering the relative lack of sophistication of the average, non-business purchaser, Defendants breached that duty by their silence. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Vermont; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct had a substantial effect on Vermont commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitutes unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 9 Vt. Stat. § 2451, et seq., and,

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accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## Virginia

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act of 1977, Va. Code § 59.1-196, et seq. Members of the Damages Class purchased generic Baclofen to be used for personal, family, or household purposes. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Virginia, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Virginia. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Virginia; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Virginia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Virginia commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial

practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Va. Code § 59.1-196, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

## West Virginia

312. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the West Virginia Consumer Credit and Protection Act, W.Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes West Virginia, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in West Virginia. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) generic

Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout West Virginia; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected West Virginia commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of W.Va. Code § 46A-6-101, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

#### Wisconsin

313. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the Wisconsin Consumer Protection Statutes, Wisc. Stat. § 100.18, *et seq.* Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes Wisconsin, by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at

artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in Wisconsin. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Wisconsin; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Wisconsin commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Wisc. Stat. § 100.18, et seq., and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute.

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## **U.S. Virgin Islands**

Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive acts or practices in violation of the U.S. Virgin Islands Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, 12A V.I.C. §§ 102, 301-35, et seq. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce in a market that includes U.S.V.I., by affecting, fixing, controlling, and/or maintaining, at artificial and non-competitive levels, the prices at which generic Baclofen were sold, distributed, or obtained in U.S.V.I. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants affirmatively misrepresented to all purchasers during the Class Period that Defendants' generic Baclofen prices were competitive and fair. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) generic Baclofen price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout U.S.V.I.; (2) generic Baclofen prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout U.S.V.I.; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for generic Baclofen. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected U.S.V.I. commerce and consumers. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' violations of law, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above and are threatened with further injury. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein. Defendants' deception, including their affirmative misrepresentations and omissions

concerning the price of generic Baclofen, likely misled all purchasers acting reasonably under the circumstances to believe that they were purchasing generic Baclofen at prices set by a free and fair market. Defendants' affirmative misrepresentations and omissions constitute information important to Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class as they related to the cost of generic Baclofen they purchased. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 12A V.I.C. §§ 102, 301-35, *et seq.*, and, accordingly, Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class seek all relief available under that statute and as equity demands.

## **FOURTH COUNT**

# **Unjust Enrichment**<sup>105</sup> (on behalf of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class)

- 315. Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations set forth above as if fully set forth herein.
- 316. To the extent required, this claim is pleaded in the alternative to the other claims in this Complaint.
- 317. Defendants have unlawfully benefited from their sales of Baclofen because of the unlawful and inequitable acts alleged in this Complaint. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' unlawful actions.
- 318. Defendants' financial benefits resulting from their unlawful and inequitable acts are traceable to overpayments by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Unjust enrichment claims are alleged herein under the laws of all States (except Ohio and Indiana) as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- 319. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred upon Defendants an economic benefit, in the nature of profits resulting from unlawful overcharges, to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.
- 320. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen while Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges they paid for Baclofen imposed through Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected.
- 321. There is no justification for Defendants' retention of, and enrichment from, the benefits they received, which caused impoverishment to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges.
- 322. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class did not interfere with Defendants' affairs in any manner that conferred these benefits upon Defendants.
- 323. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they constituted revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from Defendants' illegal and unfair actions to inflate the prices of Baclofen.
- 324. The benefits conferred upon Defendants are measurable, in that the revenue Defendants have earned due to their unlawful overcharges of Baclofen are ascertainable by review of sales records.
- 325. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to seek a remedy from any party with whom they have privity of contract. Defendants have paid no consideration to any

other person for any of the unlawful benefits they received indirectly from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class with respect to Defendants' sales of Baclofen.

326. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to seek to exhaust any

remedy against the immediate intermediary in the chain of distribution from which they

indirectly purchased Baclofen, as the intermediaries are not liable and cannot reasonably be

expected to compensate Plaintiffs and the Damages Class for Defendants' unlawful conduct.

327. The economic benefit of overcharges and monopoly profits derived by

Defendants through charging supracompetitive and artificially inflated prices for Baclofen is a

direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful practices.

328. The financial benefits derived by Defendants rightfully belong to Plaintiffs and

the Damages Class, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices

during the Class Period, inuring to the benefit of Defendants.

329. It would be inequitable under unjust enrichment principles under the laws of all

States (except Ohio and Indiana) and of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S.

Virgin Islands, for Defendants to be permitted to retain any of the overcharges for Baclofen

derived from Defendants' unlawful, unfair and unconscionable methods, acts, and trade practices

alleged in this Complaint.

330. Defendants are aware of and appreciate the benefits bestowed upon them by

Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants consciously accepted the benefits and continue to

do so as of the date of this filing.

- 331. Defendants should be compelled to disgorge in a common fund for the benefit of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class all unlawful or inequitable proceeds they received from their sales of Baclofen.
- 332. A constructive trust should be imposed upon all unlawful or inequitable sums received by Defendants traceable to indirect purchases of Baclofen by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.
  - 333. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no adequate remedy at law.
- 334. By engaging in the foregoing unlawful or inequitable conduct depriving Plaintiffs and the Damages Class of the opportunity to purchase lower-priced generic versions of Baclofen and forcing them to pay higher prices for Baclofen, Defendants have been unjustly enriched in violation of the common law of various states, as outlined below:

#### Alabama

335. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Alabama at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have benefitted at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class from revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. It is inequitable for Defendants to accept and retain the benefits received without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Alaska

336. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Alaska at prices that were more than they would have been but

for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants accepted and retained the benefits bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Arizona

337. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Arizona at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges for Baclofen resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law.

#### Arkansas

338. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Arkansas at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this money. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## California

339. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in California at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Colorado

340. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Colorado at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. Defendants have benefitted at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be

inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

### Connecticut

341. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Connecticut at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants were benefitted in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this benefit. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Delaware

342. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Delaware at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges for Baclofen resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law.

## **District of Columbia**

343. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in the District of Columbia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits.

#### Florida

344. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Florida at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

### Georgia

345. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Georgia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit

upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Hawaii

346. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Hawaii at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Idaho

347. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Idaho at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Illinois

348. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Illinois at prices that were more than they would have been but

for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. It is against equity, justice, and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges.

#### Iowa

349. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Iowa at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices paid by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, which inured to Defendants' benefit. Defendants' enrichment has occurred at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Kansas

350. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Kansas at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the

Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Kentucky

351. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Kentucky at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Louisiana

352. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Louisiana at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges for Baclofen resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no other remedy at law.

## Maine

353. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Maine at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Maryland

354. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Maryland at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Massachusetts

355. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Massachusetts at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic

benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Michigan

356. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Michigan at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. Defendants retained the benefits bestowed upon them under unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Minnesota

357. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Minnesota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated and knowingly accepted the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the

circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Mississippi

358. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Mississippi at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges. Defendants retain the benefit of overcharges received on the sales of Baclofen, which in equity and good conscience belong to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class on account of Defendants' anticompetitive conduct. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Missouri

359. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Missouri at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants accepted and retained the benefit bestowed upon them under inequitable and unjust circumstances arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Montana

360. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Montana at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Nebraska

361. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Nebraska at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this money. In justice and fairness, Defendants should disgorge such money and remit the overcharged payments back to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Nevada

362. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Nevada at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Defendants appreciated the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, for which they have paid no consideration to any other person. Under the circumstances, it would

be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## **New Hampshire**

363. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in New Hampshire at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. Under the circumstances, it would be unconscionable for Defendants to retain such benefits.

## **New Jersey**

364. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in New Jersey at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they comprised revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the unlawful benefits they received from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class with respect to Defendants' sales of Baclofen. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### New Mexico

365. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in New Mexico at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have knowingly benefitted at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class from revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. To allow Defendants to retain the benefits would be unjust because the benefits resulted from anticompetitive pricing that inured to Defendants' benefit and because Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they received.

## **New York**

366. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in New York at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices paid by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, which inured to Defendants' benefit. Defendants' enrichment has occurred at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. It is against equity and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges.

### **North Carolina**

367. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in North Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the

economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class did not interfere with Defendants' affairs in any manner that conferred these benefits upon Defendants. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they comprised revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. The benefits conferred upon Defendants are measurable, in that the revenue Defendants have earned due to unlawful overcharges are ascertainable by review of sales records. Defendants consciously accepted the benefits conferred upon them.

#### North Dakota

368. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in North Dakota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges for Baclofen resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Oklahoma

369. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Oklahoma at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants received money from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class as a direct result of the unlawful overcharges, and have retained this money. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person in exchange for this money. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law. It is against equity and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges.

## Oregon

370. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Oregon at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Pennsylvania

371. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Pennsylvania at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit

bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### **Puerto Rico**

372. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Puerto Rico at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have been impoverished by the overcharges for Baclofen resulting from Defendants' unlawful conduct. Defendants' enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment are connected. There is no justification for Defendants' receipt of the benefits causing their enrichment and Plaintiffs' and the Damages Class's impoverishment, because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class paid supracompetitive prices that inured to Defendants' benefit, and it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain any revenue gained from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law.

#### **Rhode Island**

373. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Rhode Island at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be

inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### **South Carolina**

374. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in South Carolina at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they comprised revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from arising from unlawful overcharges to Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants realized value from the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### **South Dakota**

375. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in South Dakota at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust for Defendants to retain such benefits without reimbursing Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Tennessee

are a prices at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to seek a remedy from any party with whom they have privity of contract. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the unlawful benefits they received indirectly from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class with respect to Defendants' sales of Baclofen. It would be futile for Plaintiffs and the Damages Class to exhaust all remedies against the entities with which Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have privity of contract because Plaintiffs and the Damages Class did not purchase Baclofen directly from any Defendant.

#### **Texas**

377. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Texas at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have received a benefit from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class in the nature of revenue resulting from the unlawful overcharges, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices that inured to the benefit of Defendants. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. The

circumstances under which Defendants have retained the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class are inequitable in that they result from Defendants' unlawful overcharges for Baclofen. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law.

### Utah

378. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Utah at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

#### Vermont

379. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Vermont at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants accepted the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Virginia

380. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Virginia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of the benefit bestowed upon them. Defendants should reasonably have expected to repay Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. The benefits conferred upon Defendants were not gratuitous, in that they constituted revenue created by unlawful overcharges arising from Defendants' illegal and unfair actions to inflate the prices of Baclofen. Defendants have paid no consideration to any other person for any of the benefits they have received from Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## Washington

381. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Washington at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit conferred upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

## West Virginia

382. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in West Virginia at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants were aware of or appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

### Wisconsin

383. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Wisconsin at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

### Wyoming

384. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in Wyoming at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have conferred an economic

benefit upon Defendants, in the nature of revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges to the economic detriment of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants accepted, used and enjoyed the benefits bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Under the circumstances, it would be inequitable for Defendants to retain such benefits without compensating Plaintiffs and the Damages Class.

### **U.S. Virgin Islands**

385. Defendants unlawfully overcharged End-payers, who made purchases of or reimbursements for Baclofen in the United States Virgin Islands at prices that were more than they would have been but for Defendants' actions. Defendants have been enriched by revenue resulting from unlawful overcharges for Baclofen, which revenue resulted from anticompetitive prices paid by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class, which inured to Defendants' benefit. Defendants' enrichment has occurred at the expense of Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. Defendants appreciated the benefit bestowed upon them by Plaintiffs and the Damages Class. It is against equity and good conscience for Defendants to be permitted to retain the revenue resulting from their unlawful overcharges. Plaintiffs and the Damages Class have no remedy at law.

## XV. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand judgment for the following relief:

1. The Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and direct that reasonable Notice of this action, as provided by Rule 23(c)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, be given to each and every member of the Class;

- 2. That the unlawful conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination alleged herein be adjudged and decreed: (a) an unreasonable restraint of trade or commerce in violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act; (b) a *per se* violation of Sections 1 and 3 of the Sherman Act; (c) an unlawful combination, trust, agreement, understanding and/or concert of action in violation of the state antitrust and unfair competition and consumer protection laws as set forth herein; and (d) acts of unjust enrichment by Defendants as set forth herein.
- 3. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed under such state laws, and that a judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class be entered against Defendants jointly and severally in an amount to be trebled to the extent such laws permit;
- 4. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class recover damages, to the maximum extent allowed by such laws, in the form of restitution and/or disgorgement of profits unlawfully obtained;
- 5. Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class be awarded restitution, including disgorgement of profits Defendants obtained as a result of their acts of unfair competition and acts of unjust enrichment, and the Court establish of a constructive trust consisting of all ill-gotten gains from which Plaintiffs and members of the Damages Class may make claims on a *pro rata* basis;
- 6. Defendants, their affiliates, successors, transferees, assignees and other officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on their behalf or in concert with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from in any manner continuing, maintaining or renewing the conduct, contract, conspiracy, or combination

alleged herein, or from entering into any other contract, conspiracy, or combination having a similar purpose or effect, and from adopting or following any practice, plan, program, or device

having a similar purpose or effect;

7. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes be awarded pre- and post- judgment interest

as provided by law, and that such interest be awarded at the highest legal rate;

8. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including

reasonable attorneys' fees, as provided by law; and

9. Plaintiffs and members of the Classes have such other and further relief as the

case may require and the Court may deem just and proper.

XVI. <u>JURY DEMAND</u>

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury, pursuant to Rule 38(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil

Procedure, of all issues so triable.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019, the foregoing Consolidated Amended End-Payer Class Action Complaint was filed with the Clerk of Court who will electronically enter this filing on the docket. Thereafter, via ECF notifications, the filing will be served on all interested parties registered for electronic filing and be available for viewing and downloading from the Court's ECF system.

Roberta D. Liebenberg